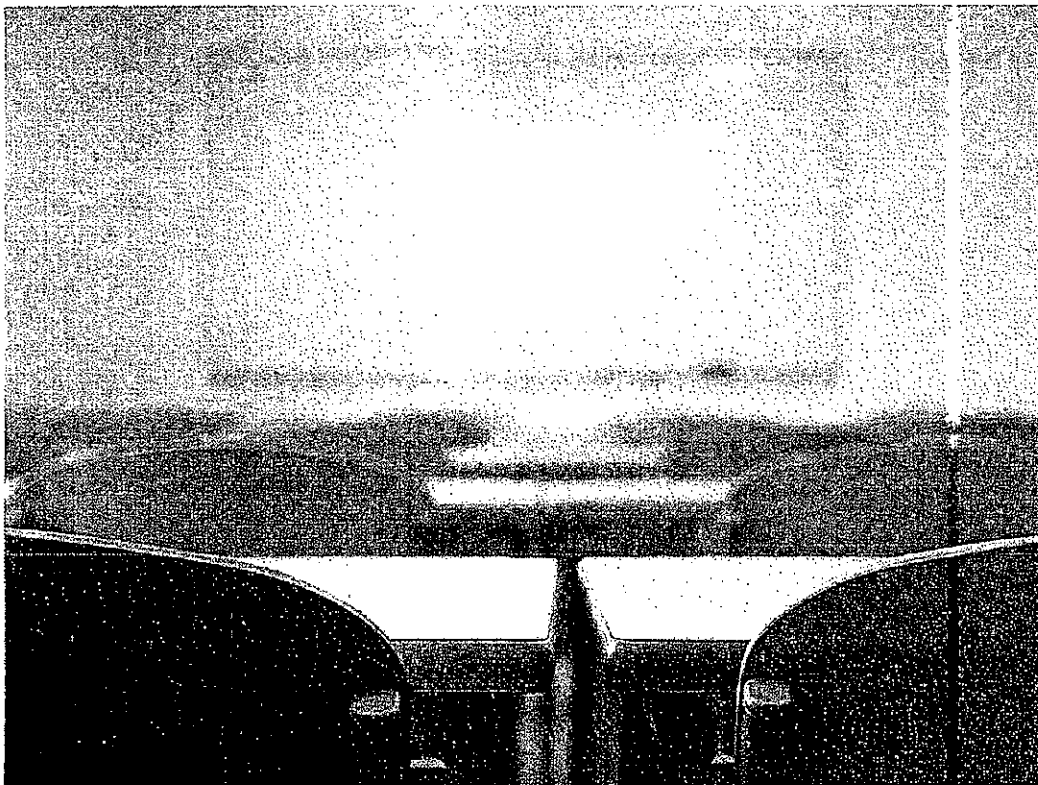


East Carroll Parish School Board

Lake Providence, Louisiana



Annual Financial Report

for the year ended June 30, 2008

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**East Carroll Parish School Board
Lake Providence, Louisiana**

**Annual Financial Report
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

**East Carroll Parish School Board
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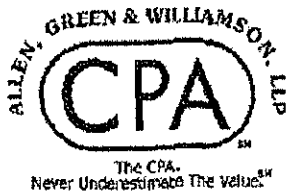
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board Members
East Carroll Parish School Board
Lake Providence, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Carroll Parish School Board, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School Board's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School Board's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School Board as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 31, 2008, on our consideration of the School Board's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Budgetary Comparison Schedules as listed in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School Board's basic financial statements. The accompanying information identified in the table of contents as supplemental information and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by the OMB Circular A-133 are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information identified in the table of contents as other information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the School Board. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP

ALLEN, GREEN & WILLIAMSON, LLP

Monroe, Louisiana
December 31, 2008

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION
AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)**

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)**

Our discussion and analysis of East Carroll Parish School Board's financial performance provides an overview of the School Board's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the School Board's financial statements which follow this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments issued June 1999.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS The primary resources available to the School Board are local revenues which are primarily tax receipts, state revenues which are primarily minimum foundation funding and cost reimbursement grants, and federal revenues which are primarily cost reimbursement grants.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Total revenues for all governmental funds increased \$1,140,723. The fund balances of all governmental funds increased \$51,404. The fund balance of the general fund decreased \$440,957. Total expenditures in the general fund increased \$1,886,927 mainly because of bus purchases, debt services (loan repay), use of consultants for improving LEAP scores, purchase of equipment for school's maintenance, employee raises, and the increase of benefits paid by the board.

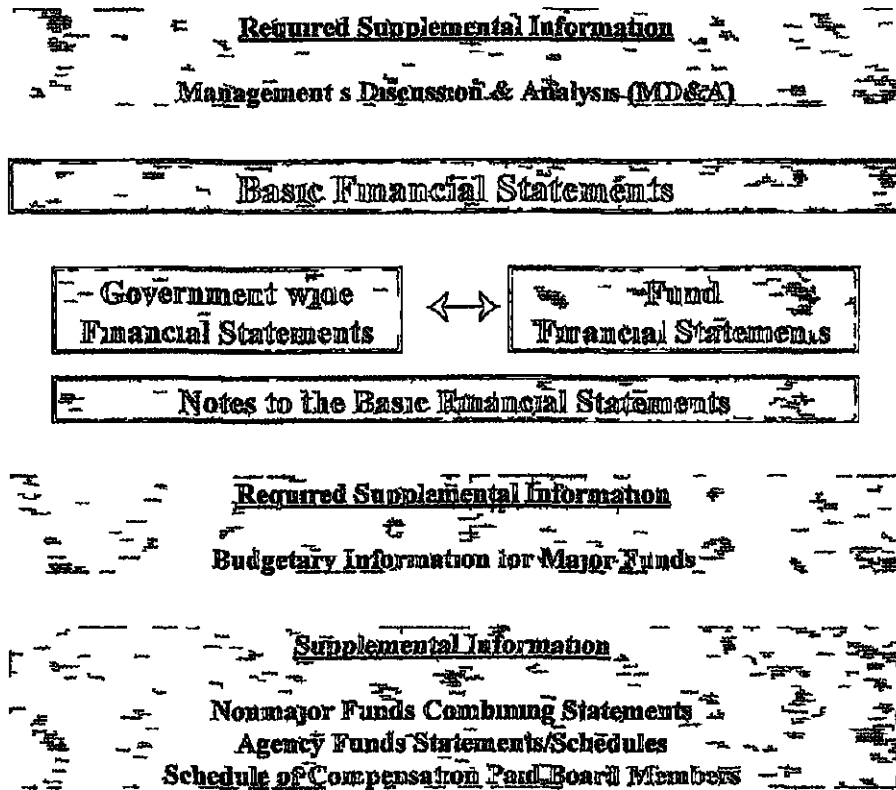
The Title I fund balances neither increased nor decreased since it is a cost-reimbursement fund.

The Reading First fund balances neither increased nor decreased since it is a cost-reimbursement fund.

Other governmental fund balance increased \$492,361.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT The School Board's annual report consists of a series of financial statements that show information for the School Board as a whole, its funds, and its fiduciary responsibilities. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the School Board as a whole and present a longer-term view of the School Board's finances. Our fund financial statements are included later in this report. For our governmental activities, these statements tell how we financed our services in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund statements also may give you some insights into the School Board's overall financial health. Fund financial statements also report the School Board's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the School Board's most significant funds, the General Fund, Title I, and Reading First. The remaining statement - the Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities presents financial information about activities for which the School Board acts solely as an agent for the benefit of students and parents.

East Carroll Parish School Board
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)



Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report, located immediately preceding this Management's Discussion and Analysis that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. Varying degrees of assurance is being provided by the auditor regarding the Required Supplemental Information and the Supplemental Information identified above. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Financial Section.

Reporting the School Board as a Whole

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

Our analysis of the School Board as a whole begins with the government wide financial statements. One of the most important questions asked about the School Board is: Is the School Board as a whole better off or worse off financially as a result of the year's activities? The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, which appear first in the School Board's financial statements, report information on the School Board as a whole and its activities in a way that helps you answer this question. We prepare these statements to include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

East Carroll Parish School Board
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

These two statements report the School Board's net assets - the difference between assets and liabilities, as reported in the Statement of Net Assets - as one way to measure the School Board's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the School Board's net assets - as reported in the Statement of Activities - are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. The relationship between revenues and expenses is the School Board's operating results. However, the School Board's goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as commercial entities do. One must consider many other non-financial factors, such as the quality of the education provided and the safety of the schools to assess the overall health of the School Board.

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities report the following activity for the School Board:

Governmental activities - All of the School Board's services are reported here, including instruction, plant services, transportation, and food services. Property taxes, sales taxes, Minimum Foundation Program funds, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Reporting the School Board's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The School Board's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the School Board as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, the School Board establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes (like the child nutrition) or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money (like grants the School Board receives from the U.S. Department of Education). The School Board's governmental funds use the following accounting approach:

Governmental funds - All of the School Board's services are reported in governmental funds. Governmental fund reporting focuses on showing how money flows into and out of funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School Board's operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the School Board's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliation on Statements D and F.

The School Board as Trustee

Reporting the School Board's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The School Board is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its student activities funds, and the retirement insurance fund. All of the School Board's fiduciary activities are reported in the Statements of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities. We exclude these activities from the School Board's other financial statements because the School Board cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The School Board is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

East Carroll Parish School Board
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

THE SCHOOL BOARD AS A WHOLE The School Board's net assets were \$9,995,356 at June 30, 2008. Of this amount \$175,186 was unrestricted. Restricted net assets are reported separately to show legal constraints from debt covenants and enabling legislation that limit the School Board's ability to use those net assets for day-to-day operations. Our analysis below focuses on the net assets, (Table 1) and the change in net assets (Table 2) of the School Board's governmental activities.

Table 1
Net Assets
June 30

	2008	Governmental Activities 2007	Variance
Current and other assets	\$ 5,687,611	\$ 5,395,497	\$ 292,114
Capital assets	<u>7,528,506</u>	<u>6,914,424</u>	<u>614,082</u>
Total assets	<u>13,216,117</u>	<u>12,309,921</u>	<u>906,196</u>
Current and other liabilities	1,296,441	1,059,574	236,867
Long-term liabilities	<u>1,924,320</u>	<u>1,954,177</u>	<u>(29,857)</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,220,761</u>	<u>3,013,751</u>	<u>207,010</u>
Net assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	6,039,506	5,333,424	706,082
Restricted	3,780,664	3,560,272	220,392
Unrestricted	<u>175,186</u>	<u>402,475</u>	<u>(227,289)</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 9,995,356</u>	<u>\$ 9,296,171</u>	<u>\$ 699,185</u>

The \$175,186 in unrestricted net assets of governmental activities represents accumulated results of all past year's operations. It means that if the School Board had to pay off all of its bills today including all of its noncapital liabilities such as compensated absences, there would be \$175,186 left.

The net assets of the School Board increased by \$699,185 due mainly to an increase in MFP.

The results of this year's operations for the School Board as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities. Table 2 on the next page, takes the information from that statement and rearranges it slightly so that readers can see total revenues for the year.

East Carroll Parish School Board
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

Table 2
Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended June 30

	<u>2008</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues			
Charges for services	31,471	28,467	3,004
Federal grants	3,507,283	3,707,644	(200,361)
State grants and entitlements	886,784	660,324	226,460
General Revenues			
Ad valorem taxes	467,168	416,129	51,039
Sales taxes	1,563,447	1,498,712	64,735
State minimum foundation program	9,309,926	8,233,711	1,076,215
Other general revenues	<u>527,489</u>	<u>607,858</u>	<u>(80,369)</u>
Total revenues	<u>16,293,568</u>	<u>15,152,845</u>	<u>1,140,723</u>
Functions/Program Expenses:			
Instruction			
Regular programs	6,703,205	5,295,156	1,408,049
Special programs	1,173,534	911,964	261,570
Other instructional programs	1,895,511	2,027,143	(131,632)
Support services			
Student services	668,789	724,712	(55,923)
Instructional staff support	748,240	621,371	126,869
General administration	420,663	409,562	11,101
School administration	1,025,214	965,219	59,995
Business services	486,273	444,624	41,649
Plant services	1,569,996	1,376,127	193,869
Student transportation services	809,879	691,380	118,499
Food Services	1,141,521	1,125,866	15,655
Community Services	4,215		4,215
Interest and bank charges	68,344	108,535	(40,191)
Total expenses	<u>16,715,384</u>	<u>14,701,659</u>	<u>2,013,725</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets before extraordinary items	<u>(421,816)</u>	<u>451,186</u>	<u>(873,002)</u>
Extraordinary item	1,121,001	-	1,121,001
Changes in net assets	<u>699,185</u>	<u>451,186</u>	<u>247,999</u>
Net Assets - beginning	9,296,171	8,844,985	451,186
Net Assets - ending	<u>\$ 9,995,356</u>	<u>\$ 9,296,171</u>	<u>\$ 699,185</u>

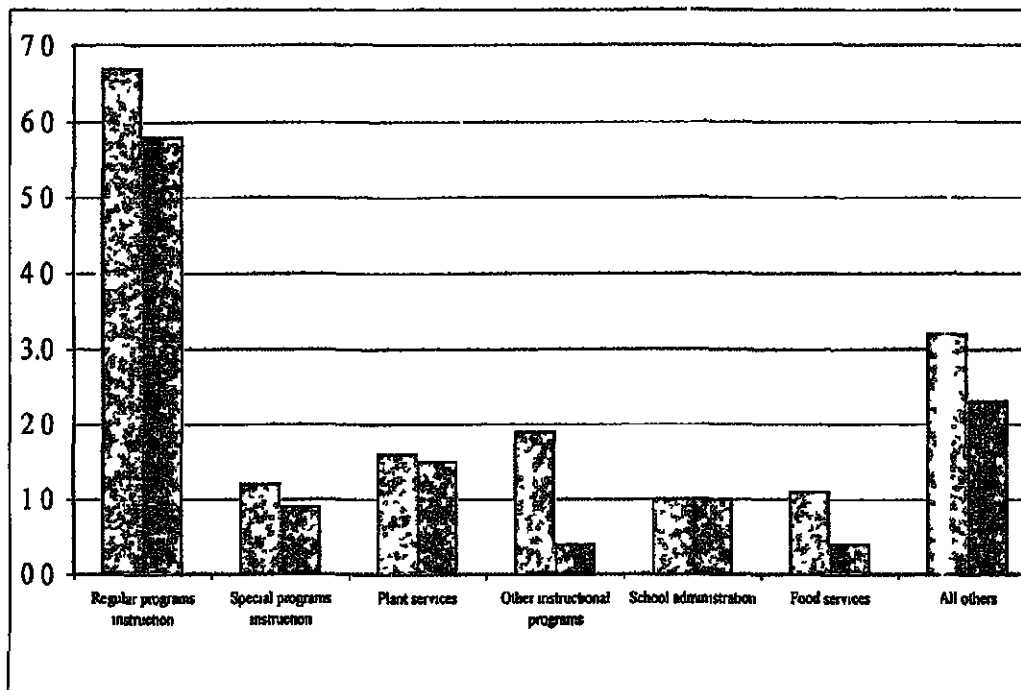
In the table below we have presented the cost of each of the School Board's six largest functions - regular programs, special programs, other instructional programs, plant services, school administration and food services as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities). Net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the School Board's taxpayers by each of these functions. Providing this information allows our citizens to consider the cost of each function in comparison to the benefits they believe are provided by that function.

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)**

**Year Ended June 30,
Governmental Activities**

	2008		2007	
	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>
Regular programs instruction	\$ 6,703,205	\$ 5,775,782	\$ 5,295,156	\$ 4,760,366
Special programs instruction	1,173,534	880,195	911,964	664,602
Other instructional programs	1,895,511	416,252	2,027,143	381,241
School administration	1,025,214	1,025,214	965,219	950,923
Plant services	1,569,996	1,509,928	1,376,127	1,143,995
Food services	1,141,521	361,696	1,125,866	345,176
All others	3,206,403	2,320,779	3,000,184	2,058,921
Totals	<u>\$ 16,715,384</u>	<u>\$ 12,289,846</u>	<u>\$ 14,701,659</u>	<u>\$ 10,305,224</u>

**2008
Total Cost of Services
Versus
Net Cost of Services
(in millions)**



East Carroll Parish School Board
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

THE SCHOOL BOARD'S FUNDS As we noted earlier, the School Board uses funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes. Looking at funds helps you consider whether the School Board is being accountable for the resources taxpayers and others provide to it but may also give you more insight into the School Board's overall financial health.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights As mentioned earlier the School Board revises its budget as it attempts to deal with unexpected changes in revenues and expenditures. (A schedule showing the School Board's original and final budgets compared with actual results is provided in the required supplemental information section of this report.) MFP funding increased, therefore expenditures increased accordingly. The budgeted revenues were increased \$468,988 due to an increase in awards for Title II, LEAP 21, Tech Prep, REAP and Title IV grants. There were also five newly funded programs. The budgeted expenditures were increased \$468,988 due to the increase in grant revenue as stated above. The increase in revenues were for cost reimbursement programs, so expenses mirror revenues.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets At June 30, 2008, the School Board had \$7,528,506 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, and furniture and equipment. This amount represents a net increase (including additions, deductions and depreciation) of just over \$614,082 or 8.8%, from last year.

Capital Assets at June 30, 2008

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	2008	2007	Variance
Land	\$ 318,180	\$ 318,180	\$ -
Construction in progress	993,304	-	993,304
Buildings and improvements	5,636,085	5,974,932	(338,847)
Furniture and equipment	580,937	621,312	(40,375)
Totals	<u>\$7,528,506</u>	<u>\$6,914,424</u>	<u>\$ 614,082</u>

Debt Administration At June 30, 2008, the School Board had \$1,489,000 in a certificate of indebtedness outstanding maturing in 2019 with a 5.375% interest rate.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES The major changes anticipated in revenues for 2008-2009 are expected to decrease due to programs not being funded and sales tax will probably decrease due to the "recession". Expenditures are expected to increase due to an insurance increase.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL BOARD'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Our financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, parents, students, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School Board's finances and to show the School Board's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or wish to request additional financial information, contact Theresa Thomas, Business Manager, at East Carroll Parish School Board, P. O. Box 972, Lake Providence, Louisiana 71254-0792, telephone number (318) 559-2222.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2008

Statement A

GOVERNMENTAL
ACTIVITIES

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,066,680
Investments	187,775
Receivables, net	1,429,193
Inventory	3,963
Capital assets:	
Land and construction in progress	1,311,484
Depreciable capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>6,217,022</u>

TOTAL ASSETS 13,216,117

LIABILITIES

Accounts, salaries and other payables	1,233,648
Interest payable	62,328
Deferred revenue	465
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	200,320
Due in more than one year	<u>1,724,000</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES 3,220,761

NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,039,506
Restricted for:	
Salary enhancements	377,363
Salary enhancements and construction and maintenance	3,403,301
Unrestricted	<u>175,186</u>

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$ 9,995,356

THE NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

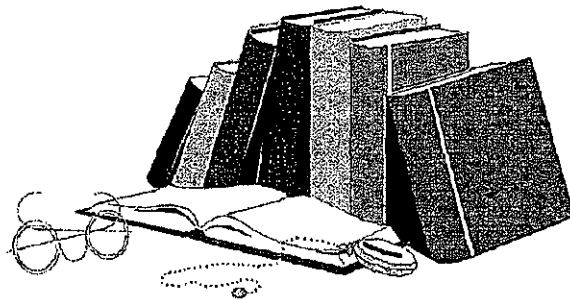
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Statement B

	PROGRAM REVENUES			NET (EXPENSE)
	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
<i>Governmental activities:</i>				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	\$ 6,703,205		\$ 927,423	\$ (5,775,782)
Special programs	1,173,534		293,339	(880,195)
Other instructional programs	1,895,511		1,479,259	(416,252)
Support services:				
Student services	668,789		262,575	(406,214)
Instructional staff support	748,240		420,291	(327,949)
General administration	420,663		154,963	(265,710)
School administration	1,025,214		0	(1,025,214)
Business services	486,273		533	(485,740)
Plant services	1,569,996		60,068	(1,509,928)
Student transportation services	809,879		47,272	(762,607)
Food services	1,141,521	31,471	748,354	(361,696)
Community service programs	4,215			(4,215)
Interest and bank charges	68,344	0	0	(68,344)
Total Governmental Activities	16,715,384	31,471	4,394,067	(12,289,846)
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				467,168
Sales taxes, levied for general purposes				1,563,447
State revenue sharing				20,593
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				
Minimum Foundation Program				9,309,926
Interest and investment earnings				160,703
Miscellaneous				346,193
Extraordinary gain				1,121,001
Total general revenues and extraordinary item				12,989,031
Changes in net assets				699,185
Net assets - beginning				9,296,171
Net assets - ending				\$ 9,995,356

THE NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

East Carroll Parish School Board



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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:
FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

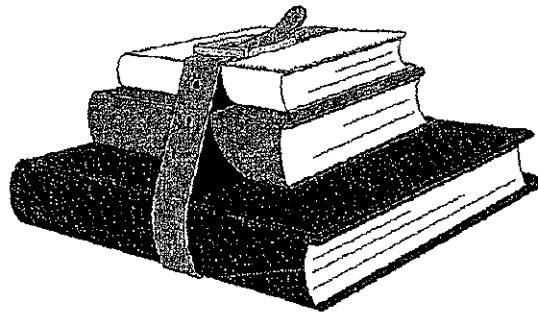
	GENERAL	TITLE I	READING FIRST
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,428,362	\$ 157,936	\$ 32,862
Investments	187,775	0	0
Receivables	204,050	198,475	258,894
Interfund receivables	1,166,515	0	0
Inventory	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	4,986,702	356,411	291,756
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
<i>Liabilities:</i>			
Accounts, salaries and other payables	943,251	90,952	34,006
Interfund payable	0	265,459	257,750
Deferred revenue	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	943,251	356,411	291,756
<i>Fund Balances:</i>			
Reserved for:			
Inventory	0	0	0
Salary enhancements	377,363	0	0
Salary enhancements and construction and maintenance	3,403,301	0	0
Unreserved, reported in:			
General Fund - Undesignated	262,787	0	0
Special Revenue	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0
Total Fund Balances	4,043,451	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 4,986,702	\$ 356,411	\$ 291,756

THE NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

Statement C

OTHER		
GOVERNMENTAL	TOTAL	
\$ 447,520	\$ 4,086,680	
0	187,775	
767,774	1,429,193	
5,401	1,171,916	
<u>3,963</u>	<u>3,963</u>	
<u>1,224,658</u>	<u>6,859,527</u>	
165,439	1,233,648	
648,707	1,171,916	
<u>465</u>	<u>465</u>	
<u>814,611</u>	<u>2,406,029</u>	
3,498	3,498	
0	377,363	
0	3,403,301	
0	262,787	
145,471	145,471	
<u>261,078</u>	<u>261,078</u>	
<u>410,047</u>	<u>4,453,498</u>	
<u>\$ 1,224,658</u>	<u>\$ 6,859,527</u>	

East Carroll Parish School Board



EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2008

Statement D

Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ 4,453,498

The cost of capital assets (land, buildings, furniture and equipment) purchased or constructed is reported as an expenditure in governmental funds. The Statement of Net Assets includes those capital assets among the assets of the School Board as a whole. The cost of those capital assets allocated over their estimated useful lives (as depreciation expense) to the various programs reported as governmental activities in the Statement of Activities. Because depreciation expense does not affect financial resources, it is not reported in governmental funds.

Costs of capital assets	\$ 13,545,079	
Depreciation expense to date	<u>(6,016,573)</u>	7,528,506

Long-term liabilities applicable to the School Board's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities - both current and long term - are reported in the Statement of Net Assets.

Balances at June 30, 2008 are:

Interest payable	(62,328)	
Long-term liabilities		
Certificate of indebtedness	(1,489,000)	
Compensated absences payable	<u>(435,320)</u>	(1,986,648)

Net Assets - Governmental Activities \$ 9,995,356

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EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances
June 30, 2008**

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>TITLE I</u>	<u>READING FIRST</u>
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Taxes:			
Ad valorem	\$ 467,168	\$ 0	\$ 0
Sales and use	1,563,447	0	0
Interest earnings	155,861	0	0
Food services	0	0	0
Other	292,254	0	0
State sources:			
Equalization	8,998,506	0	0
Other	140,429	0	0
Federal sources	<u>0</u>	<u>1,579,836</u>	<u>439,629</u>
Total Revenues	<u>11,617,665</u>	<u>1,579,836</u>	<u>439,629</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular programs	5,456,561	0	214,952
Special programs	862,357	0	0
Other instructional programs	413,429	1,125,289	23,054
Support services:			
Student services	385,733	0	134,335
Instructional staff support	328,416	280,222	62,399
General administration	261,999	111,524	0
School administration	1,007,746	0	0
Business services	485,322	0	0
Plant services	1,502,895	47,396	0
Student transportation services	718,229	13,055	0
Food services	28,125	0	0
Community services	4,215	0	0
Capital outlay	187,348	2,350	4,889
Debt Service:			
Principal	92,000	0	0
Interest and bank charges	<u>72,186</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>11,806,561</u>	<u>1,579,836</u>	<u>439,629</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ (188,896)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

Statement E

OTHER			
GOVERNMENTAL		TOTAL	
\$	0	\$	467,168
	0		1,563,447
	4,842		180,703
	31,471		31,471
	53,939		346,193
	311,420		9,309,926
	766,948		907,377
	<u>1,487,818</u>		<u>3,507,283</u>
	<u>2,656,438</u>		<u>16,293,568</u>
	604,061		6,275,574
	293,339		1,155,696
	328,566		1,890,338
	134,659		654,727
	77,203		748,240
	43,596		417,119
	300		1,008,046
	486		485,808
	14,172		1,564,463
	36,761		768,045
	1,077,041		1,105,166
	0		4,215
	993,011		1,187,598
	0		92,000
	<u>0</u>		<u>72,186</u>
	<u>3,603,195</u>		<u>17,429,221</u>
\$	<u>(946,757)</u>	\$	<u>(1,135,653)</u>

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EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances
June 30, 2008

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>TITLE I</u>	<u>READING FIRST</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Transfers out	(252,061)	0	0
Insurance proceeds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Financing Other Uses	<u>(252,061)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(440,957)	0	0
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>4,484,408</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 4,043,451</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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Statement E

OTHER			
GOVERNMENTAL		TOTAL	
\$	252,061	\$	252,061
	0		(252,061)
	<u>1,187,057</u>		<u>1,187,057</u>
	<u>1,439,118</u>		<u>1,187,057</u>
	492,361		51,404
	<u>(82,314)</u>		<u>4,402,094</u>
\$	<u>410,047</u>	\$	<u>4,453,498</u>

(CONCLUDED)

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Statement F

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$	51,404
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeds depreciation expense in the period:

Depreciation expense	\$ (507,460)	
Capital outlay additions	1,187,598	
Capital outlay disposals, net	\$ (66,056)	614,082

In the Statement of Activities, certain operating expenses-compensated absences (vacations and sick leave) - are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). This year, vacation and sick time earned \$166,463 exceeded the amounts used \$104,320 by \$62,143.	(62,143)
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Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets.	92,000
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Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.	3,842
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Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	<u>699,185</u>
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EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
FIDUCIARY FUND
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
June 30, 2008

Statement G

**AGENCY
FUND**

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents

\$ 193,583

Total assets

193,583

LIABILITIES

Deposits due others

193,583

Total liabilities

\$ 193,583

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES The accompanying basic financial statements of the East Carroll Parish School Board have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

A. REPORTING ENTITY The East Carroll Parish School Board was created by Louisiana Revised Statute LSA-R.S. 17:51 to provide public education for the children within East Carroll Parish. The School Board is authorized by LSA-R.S. 17:81 to establish policies and regulations for its own government consistent with the laws of the state of Louisiana and the regulations of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. The School Board is comprised of nine members who are elected from nine districts for terms of four years.

The School Board operates six schools within the parish with a total enrollment of approximately 1,443 pupils. In conjunction with the regular educational programs, some of these schools offer special education and/or adult education programs. In addition, the School Board provides transportation and school food services for the students.

GASB Statement 14 establishes criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the School Board is considered a *primary government*, since it is a special-purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As used in GASB Statement 14, fiscally independent means that the School Board may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt. The School Board also has no component units, defined by GASB Statement 14 as other legally separate organizations for which the elected School Board members are financially accountable. There are no other primary governments with which the School Board has a significant relationship.

B. FUNDS The accounts of the School Board are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds are maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds of the School Board are classified into two categories: governmental and fiduciary. In turn, each category is divided into separate fund types. The fund classifications and a description of each existing fund type follow:

Governmental Funds Governmental funds are used to account for the School Board's general government activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies and the acquisition or construction of general capital assets. The School Board reports the following major governmental funds:

General fund – the primary operating fund of the School Board. It accounts for all financial resources of the School Board, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Title I – This program is designed to improve the educational opportunities of educationally deprived children by helping them succeed in the regular school program, attain grade level proficiency and improve achievement in basic and more advanced skills. Services supplement, not supplant, those normally provided by state and local educational agencies.

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Reading First This program was designed to provide additional assistance to ensure all children can read at grade level or above by the end of third grade.

Fiduciary Funds Fiduciary funds account for assets held by the government in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the School Board.

Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. They are used to account for assets that the government holds for others in an agency capacity. These agency funds are as follows:

School activities fund — accounts for assets held by the School Board as an agent for the individual schools and school organizations.

Retirement insurance fund — accounts for assets held by the School Board as an agent for individual retirees of the School Board.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS) The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities displays information about the reporting government as a whole. Fiduciary funds are not included in the GWFS. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets at the fund financial statement level.

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities was prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions."

Program revenues Program revenues include 1) charges for services provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the School Board's general revenues. Charges for services are primarily derived from cafeteria sales. Operating grants and contributions consist of the many educational grants received from the federal and state government.

Allocation of indirect expenses The School Board reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense of each function. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Other indirect expenses are not allocated.

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Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

Governmental Funds The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they are "measurable and available"). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The government considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Ad valorem and sales taxes are susceptible to accrual.

Entitlements and shared revenues (which include state equalization and state revenue sharing) are recorded as unrestricted grants-in-aid at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

Other receipts become measurable and available when cash is received by the School Board and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Expenditures

Salaries are recorded as paid. Salaries for nine-month employees are accrued at June 30.

Substantially all other expenditures are recognized when the related liability has been incurred.

Other Financing Sources (Uses) Capital lease transactions, sale of fixed assets, debt extinguishments, long-term debt proceeds and transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as other financing sources (uses). These other financing sources (uses) are recognized at the time the underlying events occur.

Fiduciary Funds The agency funds are custodial in nature and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. Agency funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting.

D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the School Board may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

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E. INVESTMENTS Investments are limited by R.S. 33:2955 and the School Board's investment policy. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. The investments are reflected at quoted market prices except for the following which are permitted per GASB Statement No. 31:

Investments in *nonparticipating* interest-earning contracts, such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit with redemption terms that do not consider market rates, are reported using a cost-based measure.

Definitions:

Interest-earning investment contracts include time deposits with financial institutions (such as certificates of deposit), repurchase agreements, and guaranteed investment contracts.

F. SHORT-TERM INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as interfund receivables/payables on the balance sheet. Short-term interfund loans are also classified as interfund receivables/payables.

G. INVENTORIES Inventories of the governmental fund type are recorded as expenditures as purchased except for inventory of the child nutrition fund.

Inventory of the child nutrition special revenue fund consists of food purchased by the School Board and commodities granted by the United States Department of Agriculture through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The commodities are recorded as revenues when received; however, all inventory items are recorded as expenditures when consumed. Unused commodities at June 30, 2008, are reported as deferred revenue. All purchased inventory items are valued at cost (first in, first out) and commodities are assigned values provided by the United States Department of Agriculture.

H. CAPITAL ASSETS Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed and depreciated over their estimated useful lives (including salvage value). The capitalization threshold is \$1,000. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Estimated useful life is management's estimate of how long the asset is expected to meet service demands. Straight line depreciation is used based on the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and improvements	10 - 40 years
Furniture and equipment	3 - 10 years

I. DEFERRED REVENUES The School Board reports deferred revenues on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when resources are received by the School Board before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the occurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the School Board has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and the revenue is recognized.

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J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES The School Board has the following policies for vacation and sick leave:

All 12-month employees earn 10 days of vacation leave each year. Vacations must be taken during the fiscal year or otherwise forfeited. All School Board employees earn 10 days of sick leave each year. Sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward to succeeding years without limitation. Upon retirement or death, unused accumulated sick leave of up to 25 days is paid to the employee or to the employee's estate at the employee's current rate of pay. Under the Louisiana Teachers' Retirement System and the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, all unpaid sick leave is used in the retirement benefit computation as earned service.

The School Board's recognition and measurement criterion for compensated absences follows:

Vacation leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned by the employees when both of the following conditions are met:

- A. The employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered.
- B. It is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

The liability for sick leave is based on the sick leave accumulated at the balance sheet date by those employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments as well as other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments.

K. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS For the government-wide statement of net assets, net assets are reported as restricted when constraints placed on net asset use are either:

Externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments;

Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. Restricted net assets reported in the statement of net assets is restricted through enabling legislation.

L. FUND EQUITY OF FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Reserves Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditures or legally segregated for a specific purpose.

Designated fund balances Designated fund balances represent tentative management plans for future use of financial resources that are subject to change.

M. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues or expenditures. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures, initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as deductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed.

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All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

N. SALES TAXES The East Carroll Parish School Board has three sales tax ordinances as follows:

The School Board has a one-percent parish-wide sales and use tax as authorized in a special election held December 1967. In accordance with the proposition approved by the voters of the parish, the net proceeds of the tax are to be used exclusively to supplement the payment of salaries for teachers in the public elementary and secondary schools of the parish and/or for the expenses of operating the schools. Such operating expenses include payment of salaries of other personnel employed by the School Board.

The School Board also has an additional one percent sales and use tax as authorized in a special election held July 17, 1993. In accordance with the proposition approved by voters of the Parish, the net proceeds of the tax are to be used for the purpose of salary enhancement for teachers and other employees of the School Board, to be divided annually on an equal basis among all employees.

In October 1998, voters approved a new one-percent sales and use tax. In accordance with the proposition approved by the voters of the parish, the net proceeds of the tax are to be used for salary enhancements for teachers and other employees of the School Board, construction, improvement, and maintenance of schools.

O. BUDGETS

General Budget Practices The School Board follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the combined financial statements:

State statute requires budgets to be adopted for the general fund and all special revenue funds.

Each year prior to September, the Superintendent submits to the Board proposed annual budgets for the general fund and special revenue funds' budgets that are not grant oriented. Public hearings are conducted, prior to the Board's approval, to obtain taxpayer comments. Grant funds are included in special revenue funds and their budgets are adopted at the time the grant applications are approved by the governor. The operating budgets include proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

Appropriations (unexpended budget balances) lapse at year-end.

Formal budget integration (within the accounting records) is employed as a management control device. All budgets are controlled at the function level. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent amendments. These revisions were considered insignificant by the Board.

Encumbrances Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed. However, outstanding purchase orders are taken into consideration before expenditures are incurred in order to assure that applicable appropriations are not exceeded.

Budget Basis of Accounting All governmental funds' budgets are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are originally adopted or amended by the Board. Legally, the Board must adopt a balanced budget; that is, total budgeted revenues and other financing sources including fund balance must equal or exceed total budgeted expenditures and other financing uses. State statutes require the Board to amend its budgets when revenues

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plus projected revenues within a fund are expected to be less than budgeted revenues by five percent or more and/or expenditures within a fund are expected to exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more. The School Board approves budgets at the function level and management can transfer amounts between line items within a function.

P. USE OF ESTIMATES The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statement and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Q. ELIMINATION AND RECLASSIFICATIONS In the process of aggregating data for the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified.

Interfund receivables and payables were eliminated to minimize the "grossing up" effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental activities column.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

EXCESS OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES OVER BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

The following individual funds had actual expenditures over budgeted expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2008:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Unfavorable Variance</u>
General Fund	\$12,015,657	\$12,058,622	\$ 42,965
Reading First	296,318	439,629	143,311

Actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures as a result of unanticipated accruals occurring after the last budget revision.

NOTE 3 - LEVIED TAXES The School Board levies taxes on real and business personal property located within East Carroll Parish's boundaries. Property taxes are levied by the School Board on property values assessed by the East Carroll Parish Tax Assessor and approved by the state of Louisiana Tax Commission.

The East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office bills and collects property taxes for the School Board. Collections are remitted to the School Board monthly.

Property Tax Calendar

Millage rates adopted	August 2007
Levy date	August 2007
Tax bills mailed	On or about November 1, 2007
Due date	December 31, 2007
Lien date	January 1, 2008

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Assessed values are established by the East Carroll Parish Tax Assessor each year on a uniform basis at the following ratios of assessed value to fair market value:

10% land	15% machinery
10% residential improvements	15% commercial improvements
15% industrial improvements	25% public service properties, excluding land

A revaluation of all property is required after 1978 to be completed no less than every four years. The last revaluation was completed for the roll of January 1, 2007. Total assessed value was \$36,056,864 in calendar year 2007. Louisiana state law exempts the first \$7,500 of assessed value of a taxpayer's primary residence from parish property taxes. This homestead exemption was \$5,324,525 of the assessed value in calendar year 2007.

State law requires the Sheriff to collect property taxes in the calendar year in which the assessment is made. Property taxes become delinquent January 1 of the following year. If taxes are not paid by the due date, taxes bear interest at the rate of 1.25% per month until the taxes are paid. After notice is given to the delinquent taxpayers, the Sheriff is required by the *Constitution of the State of Louisiana* to sell the least quantity of property necessary to settle the taxes and interest owed.

All property taxes are recorded in the general fund. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available. Property taxes are considered measurable in the calendar year of the tax levy. Estimated uncollectible taxes are those taxes based on past experience which will not be collected in the subsequent year and are primarily due to subsequent adjustments to the tax roll. Available means due, or past due, and receivable within the current period and collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The remaining property taxes receivable are considered available because they are substantially collected within 60 days subsequent to year-end.

The tax roll is prepared by the parish tax assessor in November of each year. The collection of the 2007 property taxes occurs in December, and January and February of the next year. As a result, no property taxes receivable for 2007 taxes is included on the accompanying balance sheet because it is not available within 60 days of the School Board's year-end.

Historically, virtually all ad valorem taxes receivable were collected since they are secured by property. Therefore, there is no allowance for uncollectible taxes.

The following is a summary of authorized and levied (tax rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value) ad valorem taxes:

	<u>Authorized Millage</u>	<u>Levied Millage</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Parish-wide taxes:			
Constitutional	6.73	7.16	Statutory
Maintenance and operation	6.98	7.42	2008

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS At June 30, 2008, the School Board has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) as follows:

Interest-bearing demand deposits:	
Statement A	\$4,066,680
Statement G	193,583
Time Deposits (Statement A)	<u>187,755</u>
Total deposits	4,448,018
Less: Time deposits classified as investments	<u>187,755</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$4,260,263</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Interest Rate Risk: The School Board's policy does not address interest rate risk.

Credit Rate Risk: The School Board's investments are in Certificates of Deposits which do not have credit ratings; however, the School Board's policy does not address credit rate risk.

Custodial Credit Risk-Deposits and Investments: At year-end, the School Board's carrying amount of deposits was \$4,448,018 (including \$187,755 in certificates of deposit classified as investments) and the bank balance was \$5,619,061. Of the bank balance \$200,000 was covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the School Board's agent in the School Boards' name (GASB Category 1). The remaining balance of \$5,419,061 was collateralized with Securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the School Board's name (GASB Category 3). Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the School Board that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon request.

NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES The receivables at June 30, 2008, are as follows:

	General	Title I	Reading First	Other Governmental	Total
Taxes:					
Ad Valorem	\$ 2,078	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,078
Sales tax	152,136	-	-	-	152,136
Intergovernmental -					
Federal	-	198,475	258,894	293,903	751,272
State	18,687	-	-	272,622	291,309
Other	31,149	-	-	201,249	232,398
Total	<u>\$ 204,050</u>	<u>\$ 198,475</u>	<u>\$ 258,894</u>	<u>\$ 767,774</u>	<u>\$ 1,429,193</u>

The School Board expects to collect these balances in full; therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts was established.

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NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 is as follows:

	<u>Balance Beginning</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance Ending</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 318,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 318,180
Construction in progress	-	993,304	-	993,304
Total Capital assets not being depreciated	318,180	993,304	-	1,311,484
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	9,761,258	-	380,142	9,381,116
Furniture and equipment	2,913,328	194,294	255,143	2,852,479
Total capital assets being depreciated.	12,674,586	194,294	635,285	12,233,595
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	3,786,326	298,532	339,827	3,745,031
Furniture and equipment	2,292,016	208,928	229,402	2,271,542
Total accumulated depreciation	6,078,342	507,460	569,229	6,016,573
Depreciable capital assets, net	6,596,244	(313,166)	66,056	6,217,022
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$3,914,424</u>	<u>\$680,138</u>	<u>\$ 66,056</u>	<u>\$7,528,506</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>
Regular programs	\$ 365,488
Special programs	17,838
Other instructional programs	5,173
General Administration	3,544
School administration	17,168
Business services	465
Plant services	5,533
Student transportation services	41,834
Food services	36,355
Student services	14,062
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 507,460</u>

NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Plan description Substantially all School Board employees participate in either the Teachers' Retirement System or the School Employees' Retirement System (the Systems), which are cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement systems (PERS). Benefit provisions are ultimately approved and amended by the Louisiana Legislature.

Participation in the Teachers' Retirement System is divided into two plans - the Teachers' Regular Plan and the Teachers' Plan A. In general, professional employees (such as teachers and principals) and lunchroom workers are members of the Louisiana Teachers' Retirement System (TRS); other employees, such as custodial personnel and bus drivers, are members of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS). Generally, all full-time employees are eligible to participate in the system.

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With respect to the Teachers' Retirement System Regular Plan, normal retirement is at age 60 with five years of service, or at any age with 20 years of service. The formula for annual maximum retirement benefits is generally two percent (with less than 25 years of service) or 2.5 percent (with 25 or more years of service) times the years of creditable service times the average salary of the 36 highest successive months (plus \$300 applicable to persons becoming members prior to July 1, 1986).

Under the Teachers' Retirement System Plan A, normal retirement is generally at any age with 30 or more years of creditable service, at age 55 with at least 25 years of creditable service and at age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service. The retirement benefit formula is generally three percent times the years of creditable service times the average salary of the 36 highest successive months plus \$24 per year of service.

Employees participating in the School Employees' Retirement System are eligible for normal retirement after 30 years of service, or after 25 years of service at age 55 or after 10 years of service at age 60. The maximum retirement allowance is computed at 3½ percent times the highest 36 months of average salary, times the years of service plus a supplement of \$2.00 per month times the years of service.

Both TRS and LSERS issue annual financial reports. The reports can be obtained by telephoning or writing to the following:

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana
Post Office Box 94123
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9123
(225) 925-6446

Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System
Post Office Box 44516
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804
(225) 925-6484

Funding Policy Each system is administered and controlled at the state level by a separate board of trustees, with contribution rates approved and amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Benefits of the systems are funded by employee and employer contributions. Benefits granted by the retirement systems are guaranteed by the state of Louisiana under provisions of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974. The School Board's employer contribution for the TRS, as provided by state law, is funded through annual appropriations, by deductions from local ad valorem taxes, and by remittances from the School Board. For the LSERS, the School Board's employer contribution is funded by annual appropriations.

In addition, the employer does not remit to the Teachers' Retirement System, Regular Plan or Plan A, the employer's contribution for the professional improvement program (PIP) portion of payroll. The PIP contribution is made directly to the Retirement System by the state of Louisiana.

Contribution rates (as a percentage of covered salaries) for active plan members as established by the Louisiana Legislature for the year ended June 30, 2008, are as follows:

	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employer</u>
Louisiana Teachers' Retirement System:		
Regular	8.0%	16.6%
Plan A	9.1%	16.6%
Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System	7.5%	18.1%

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Total covered payroll of the School Board for TRS - Regular Plan, TRS - Plan A, and LSERS for the year ended June 30, 2008, amounted to \$7,616,809, \$56,133, and \$635,273, respectively. Employer contributions for the year ended June 30, 2008, and each of the two preceding years are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended	<u>TRS</u>	<u>LSERS</u>
June 30, 2006	\$1,035,073	\$ 108,538
June 30, 2007	1,066,702	120,922
June 30, 2008	1,273,708	114,984

The required contributions were made.

NOTE 8 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS The East Carroll Parish School Board provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. Substantially all of the School Board's employees become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the School Board. These benefits for retirees are provided through Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The cost of benefits for retirees is paid jointly by the employee and the School Board. The School Board's portion of the cost for 2008 totaled \$254,180 for 141 retirees, and was recognized as an expenditure when the monthly premium was paid; based on a "pay-as-you go" basis.

NOTE 9 - ACCOUNTS, SALARIES AND OTHER PAYABLES The payables at June 30, 2008, are as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Title I</u>	<u>Reading First</u>	<u>Other Governmental</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries	\$ 848,953	\$ 85,861	\$ 34,006	\$ 125,873	\$1,094,693
Accounts	94,298	5,091	-	39,566	138,955
Total	<u>\$ 943,251</u>	<u>\$ 90,952</u>	<u>\$ 34,006</u>	<u>\$ 165,439</u>	<u>\$1,233,648</u>

NOTE 10 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES At June 30, 2008, employees of the School Board have accumulated and vested \$435,320 of employee leave benefits, including \$6,222 of salary-related benefits. These employee leave benefits were computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60.

NOTE 11 - AGENCY FUND DEPOSITS DUE OTHERS A summary of changes in agency fund deposits due others follows:

	<u>Balance, Beginning</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance, Ending</u>
Agency funds:				
School activities fund	\$ 139,630	\$ 169,235	\$ 162,997	\$ 145,868
Retirement insurance fund	75,366	156,340	183,991	47,715
Total	<u>\$214,996</u>	<u>\$325,575</u>	<u>\$ 346,988</u>	<u>\$ 193,583</u>

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NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions for the year ended June 30, 2008:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within</u>
Governmental Activities					
Bonds Payable:					
Certificate of indebtedness	\$1,581,000	\$ -	\$ 92,000	\$1,489,000	\$ 96,000
Other liabilities:					
Compensated absences	373,177	166,463	104,320	435,320	104,320
Governmental Activities					
Long-term liabilities	<u>\$1,954,177</u>	<u>\$166,463</u>	<u>\$196,320</u>	<u>\$1,924,320</u>	<u>\$200,320</u>

The compensated absences liability attributable to the governmental activities will be liquidated 100% by the General Fund.

The individual bond issues are as follows:

<u>Bond Issue</u>	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Final Due</u>	<u>Interest to Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding</u>
Certificate of Indebtedness	\$1,782,000	5.375%	2019	\$477,999	\$1,489,000

All principal and interest requirements are funded with general operating funds of the General Fund. The certificates are due as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>Interest Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	\$ 96,000	\$ 67,994	\$ 163,994
2010	100,000	63,586	163,586
2011	105,000	59,018	164,018
2012	110,000	54,234	164,234
2013	115,000	49,235	164,235
2014-2018	656,000	162,648	818,648
2018-2020	307,000	21,284	328,284
Total	<u>\$1,489,000</u>	<u>\$ 477,999</u>	<u>\$1,966,999</u>

In accordance with the Louisianan Revised Statutes 39:562, the School Board is legally restricted from incurring long-term bonded debt in excess of 50% of the assessed value of taxable property. At June 30, 2008, the statutory limit was \$18,028,432 and the outstanding net bonded debt totaled \$0.

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NOTE 13 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS (FFS LEVEL ONLY)

Interfund receivable/payable:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Title I	\$ 265,459
General	Reading First	257,750
General	Other governmental	643,306
Other governmental	Other governmental	5,401
Total		<u>\$1,171,916</u>

The purpose of interfund receivable/payables between the general fund, Title I, and other governmental is to cover expenditures on cost reimbursement programs until reimbursements are received. The Child Nutrition fund owes other funds because of the deficit in Child Nutrition. This is not expected to be repaid within a year.

Transfers during the year were as follows:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Transfers in</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Transfers out</u>
Other Governmental	\$ 252,061	General Fund	\$ 252,061

Transfers were made from the General fund to the Other Governmental funds to clear out a negative fund balance and close out the fund as well as close out inactive funds.

NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT The School Board is at risk for property damage, liability and theft which are covered by insurance policies. The School Board is also fully insured for workers' compensation.

NOTE 15 - LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

Litigation At June 30, 2008, the School Board was involved in various litigation. It is the opinion of the legal advisor for the School Board that the potential loss to the Board would not be material to the financial statements.

Grant Disallowance The School Board participates in a number of state and federally assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to compliance audits under the single audit approach. Such audits could lead to request for reimbursement by the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grants. School Board management believes that the amount of disallowances, if any, which may arise from future audits will not be material.

Construction Projects The School Board has construction underway to rebuild/renovate a building destroyed by fire which housed the Alternative School. The total contract price is \$1,013,179. The cost at June 30, 2008 to complete the project is \$19,875.

Energy Performance Contract The School Board entered into an energy performance contract with TAC Americas, Inc. in November 2004. The contract includes a stipulated operational savings. The Louisiana Attorney General recently issued an opinion (A.G. Opinion No. 07-0002) regarding a similar contract with another School Board and concluded that some of these contracts may not meet the statutory definition of a performance based energy contract. The School Board is in discussion with TAC Americas, Inc. to amend the contract to eliminate the clause which may not meet the requirements of state law.

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NOTE 16 - ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS FOR FRINGE BENEFITS AND SALARIES On-behalf payments for fringe benefits and salaries are direct payments made by an entity (the paying agent) to a third-party recipient for the employees of another, legally separate entity (the employer entity). GASB Statement No. 24 requires employer governments to recognize revenue and expenditures or expenses for these on-behalf payments.

The state of Louisiana made pension contributions (regarding Professional Improvement Program) directly to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana on behalf of the School Board in the amount of \$7,495. This amount was recognized as state revenue and a corresponding expenditure in the applicable fund from which the salary was paid.

NOTE 17 - RESERVED FUND BALANCES (FFS LEVEL ONLY)

Reserved for inventory This amount represents the portion of fund balance relating to inventory on hand which is therefore unavailable to be expended for other purposes.

Reserved for salary enhancements and construction and maintenance This amount represents the portion of fund balance arising from the 1993 and 1998 sales taxes that are restricted to payments for salaries, construction and maintenance.

NOTE 18 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 14 requires disclosure in financial statements of a situation where one entity provides more than 10% of the audited entities revenue. The Minimum Foundation funding provided by the state to all public school systems in Louisiana is primarily based on October 1 student count. The state provided \$9,309,926 to the School Board, which represents approximately 53.3% of the School Board's total revenue for the year.

NOTE 19 - EXTRAORDINARY ITEM In August 2007, a fire destroyed the Alternative/Parent Center. The building was insured and the School Board received \$1,187,057 from the insurance company that is shown on the Statement of Activities as an extraordinary gain of \$1,121,000, net of the loss on capital assets of \$62,328. On the fund financial statements, the \$1,187,057 in insurance proceeds is shown as other financing sources in the Other Governmental Fund.

NOTE 20 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS On July 19, 2008, the citizens of East Carroll Parish approved in a special tax election for the renewal of the property tax millage of 7.42 for 10 years.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Budgetary Comparison Schedules**

General Fund and Major Special Revenue Funds With Legally Adopted Annual Budgets

GENERAL FUND The general fund accounts for all activities of the School Board except those that are accounted for in other funds.

TITLE I This program is designed to improve the educational opportunities of educationally deprived children by helping them succeed in the regular school program, attain grade level proficiency and improve achievement in basic and more advanced skills. Services supplement, not supplant, those normally provided by state and local educational agencies.

READING FIRST This program was designed to provide additional assistance to ensure all children can read at grade level or above by the end of third grade.

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**GENERAL FUND
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
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Exhibit 1-1

	<u>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE WITH</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
				<u>POSITIVE</u>
				<u>(NEGATIVE)</u>
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING	\$ 4,484,408	\$ 4,484,408	\$ 4,484,408	0
Resources (inflows)				
Local sources:				
Ad valorem taxes	416,160	451,930	467,168	15,238
Sales and use taxes	1,365,000	1,548,250	1,563,447	15,197
Interest earnings	466,000	358,989	155,861	(203,128)
Other	95,380	108,111	292,254	184,143
State sources:				
Equalization	8,756,773	8,758,773	8,998,506	241,733
Other	150,025	693,596	140,429	(553,167)
Transfers from other funds	297,341	98,008	0	(98,008)
Amounts available for appropriations	16,031,077	16,500,065	16,102,073	(397,992)
Charges to appropriations (outflows)				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	5,474,440	5,458,042	5,456,561	1,481
Special education programs	727,120	833,630	862,357	(28,727)
Other instructional programs	417,611	416,113	413,429	2,684
Support services:				
Student services	403,323	440,208	385,733	54,475
Instructional staff support	325,074	301,714	328,416	(26,702)
General administration	235,081	383,031	261,999	121,032
School administration	989,350	992,600	1,007,746	(15,146)
Business services	396,020	479,903	485,322	(5,419)
Plant services	1,235,460	1,520,700	1,502,895	17,805
Student transportation services	735,822	700,346	718,229	(17,883)
Food services	0	0	28,125	(28,125)
Community service programs	7,150	4,220	4,215	5
Capital Outlay	130,000	160,771	187,348	(26,577)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	151,218	0	92,000	(92,000)
Interest and bank charges	14,000	14,000	72,188	(58,188)
Transfers to other funds	305,000	310,379	252,061	58,318
Total charges to appropriations	11,546,669	12,015,657	12,058,622	(42,965)
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCES, ENDING	\$ 4,484,408	\$ 4,484,408	\$ 4,043,451	(440,957)

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**TITLE I
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

Exhibit 1-2

	<u>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE WITH</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
				<u>POSITIVE</u>
				<u>(NEGATIVE)</u>
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
Resources (inflows)				
Federal sources	<u>1,922,172</u>	<u>1,925,776</u>	<u>1,579,836</u>	<u>(345,940)</u>
Amounts available for appropriations	<u>1,922,172</u>	<u>1,925,776</u>	<u>1,579,836</u>	<u>(345,940)</u>
Charges to appropriations (outflows)				
Instruction:				
Other instructional programs	1,442,517	1,449,880	1,125,289	324,591
Support services:				
Instructional staff support	280,222	280,222	280,222	0
General administration	138,982	135,223	111,524	23,699
Plant services	47,396	47,396	47,396	0
Student transportation services	13,055	13,055	13,055	0
Capital outlay	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,350</u>	<u>(2,350)</u>
Total charges to appropriations	<u>1,922,172</u>	<u>1,925,776</u>	<u>1,579,836</u>	<u>345,940</u>
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCES, ENDING	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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**READING FIRST
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

Exhibit 1-3

	<u>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE WITH</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
				<u>POSITIVE</u>
				<u>(NEGATIVE)</u>
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Resources (inflows)				
Federal sources	<u>282,859</u>	<u>296,318</u>	<u>439,629</u>	<u>143,311</u>
Amounts available for appropriations	<u>282,859</u>	<u>296,318</u>	<u>439,629</u>	<u>143,311</u>
Charges to appropriations (outflows)				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	181,356	183,286	214,952	(31,666)
Other instructional programs	23,043	23,043	23,054	(11)
Support services:				
Student services	16,061	27,590	134,335	(106,745)
Instructional staff support	62,399	62,399	62,399	0
Capital outlay	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,889</u>	<u>(4,889)</u>
Total charges to appropriations	<u>282,859</u>	<u>296,318</u>	<u>439,629</u>	<u>(143,311)</u>
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCES, ENDING	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

A. BUDGETS

General Budget Practices The School Board follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the combined financial statements:

State statute requires budgets to be adopted for the general fund and all special revenue funds.

Each year prior to September, the Superintendent submits to the Board proposed annual budgets for the general fund and special revenue funds' budgets that are not grant oriented. Public hearings are conducted, prior to the Board's approval, to obtain taxpayer comments. Grant funds are included in special revenue funds and their budgets are adopted at the time the grant applications are approved by the governor. The operating budgets include proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

Appropriations (unexpended budget balances) lapse at year-end.

Formal budget integration (within the accounting records) is employed as a management control device. All budgets are controlled at the function level. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent amendments. These revisions were considered insignificant by the Board.

Encumbrances Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed. However, outstanding purchase orders are taken into consideration before expenditures are incurred in order to assure that applicable appropriations are not exceeded.

Budget Basis of Accounting All Budgets are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are originally adopted or amended by the Board. Legally, the Board must adopt a balanced budget; that is, total budgeted revenues and other financing sources including fund balance must equal or exceed total budgeted expenditures and other financing uses. State statutes require the Board to amend its budgets when revenues plus projected revenues within a fund are expected to be less than budgeted revenues by five percent or more and/or expenditures within a fund are expected to exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more. The School Board approves budgets at the function level and management can transfer amounts between line items within a function.

B. EXCESS OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES OVER BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

The following individual funds had actual expenditures over budgeted expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2008:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Unfavorable Variance</u>
General Fund	\$12,015,657	\$12,058,622	\$ 42,965
Reading First	296,318	439,629	143,311

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Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedules For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Note C - Budget to GAAP Reconciliation - Explanation of differences between budgetary inflows and outflows and GAAP revenues and expenditures

	GENERAL FUND	TITLE I	READING FIRST
<u>Sources/inflows of resources:</u>			
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation" from the Budgetary Comparison Schedule	\$ 16,102,073	\$ 1,579,836	\$ 439,629
The fund balance at the beginning of the year is a budgetary resource but is not a current year revenue for financial reporting purposes	(4,484,408)	0	0
Total revenues as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	<u>11,617,665</u>	<u>1,579,836</u>	<u>439,629</u>
<u>Uses/outflows of resources:</u>			
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "Total charges to appropriations" from the Budgetary Comparison Schedule	12,058,622	1,579,836	439,629
Transfer to other funds are outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes	(252,061)	0	0
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 11,806,561</u>	<u>\$ 1,579,836</u>	<u>\$ 439,629</u>

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:
COMBINING
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS -
BY FUND TYPE**

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Combining Balance Sheet - By Fund Type
June 30, 2008

Exhibit 2

	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 387,691	\$ 59,829	\$ 447,520
Receivables	566,525	201,249	767,774
Interfund receivables	5,401	0	5,401
Inventory	3,963	0	3,963
TOTAL ASSETS	963,580	261,078	1,224,658
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts, salaries and other payables	165,439	0	165,439
Interfund payables	648,707	0	648,707
Deferred revenue	465	0	465
Total Liabilities	814,611	0	814,611
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for:			
Inventory	3,498	0	3,498
Unreserved, reported in			
Special Revenue	145,471	0	145,471
Capital Projects	0	261,078	261,078
Total Fund Balances	148,969	261,078	410,047
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 963,580	\$ 261,078	\$ 1,224,658

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

**NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances - By Fund Type
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

Exhibit 3

	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Taxes:			
Interest earnings	\$ 629	\$ 4,213	\$ 4,842
Food services	31,471	0	31,471
Other	53,939	0	53,939
State sources:			
Equalization	311,420	0	311,420
Other	766,948	0	766,948
Federal sources	1,487,818	0	1,487,818
 Total Revenues	<u>2,652,225</u>	<u>4,213</u>	<u>2,656,438</u>
 EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular programs	577,511	26,550	604,061
Special programs	293,339	0	293,339
Other instructional programs	328,566	0	328,566
Support services:			
Student services	134,859	0	134,859
Instructional staff support	77,203	0	77,203
General administration	43,596	0	43,596
School administration	300	0	300
Business services	486	0	486
Plant services	14,172	0	14,172
Student transportation services	36,761	0	36,761
Food services	1,077,041	0	1,077,041
Capital outlay	8,934	984,077	993,011
 Total Expenditures	<u>2,592,568</u>	<u>1,010,627</u>	<u>3,603,195</u>
 EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>59,657</u>	<u>(1,006,414)</u>	<u>(946,757)</u>
 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	252,061	0	252,061
Insurance proceeds	0	1,187,057	1,187,057
 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>252,061</u>	<u>1,187,057</u>	<u>1,439,118</u>
 Net Change in Fund Balances	311,718	180,643	492,361
 FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>(162,749)</u>	<u>80,435</u>	<u>(82,314)</u>
 FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 148,969</u>	<u>\$ 261,078</u>	<u>\$ 410,047</u>

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds**

TITLE II This program was designed to improve the skills of teachers and the quality of instruction in mathematics and science, also to increase the accessibility of such instruction to all students.

TITLE IV This program was designed to establish state and local programs of alcohol and drug abuse education and prevention coordinated with related community efforts and resources.

TITLE V To assist state and local educational agencies in the reform of elementary and secondary education.

IDEA These grants to states assist the School Board in providing a free appropriate education to all children with disabilities.

PRESCHOOL These grants to states assist the School Board in providing a free appropriate public education to preschool disabled children aged three through five years.

SUMMER FEEDING This program was established to ensure continued availability of high-quality meals during the summer months similar to those provided during the school year.

RURAL EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT This program was designed to provide high-poverty, rural local educational agencies with teacher professional development and educational technology.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION - Basic Grants to States- This program was designed to make the United States more competitive in the world economy by developing more fully the academic and occupational skills of all segments of the population, principally through concentrating resources on improving educational programs leading to academic and occupational skills needed to work in a technologically advanced society.

JAG - This is a division of the TANF grant which delivers services to at-risk and disadvantaged youth to aid them in pursuing a post secondary education and ensure participants an opportunity to enter the workforce in quality job.

LA4 STATE The purpose of this grant is to provide access to universal high quality, developmentally appropriate prekindergarten classes, before and after school enrichment programs, and summer programs to four-year-old children who are eligible to enter public school kindergarten the following year.

8 (g) To provide enhancement to elementary, secondary, and vocational programs funded through the State Minimum Foundation Program.

EDUCATION EXCELLENCE To enhance instructional programs approved by the legislature for students of pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade with proceeds received from tobacco settlement monies.

CHILD NUTRITION - The basic goals of the Child Nutrition Programs are to serve nutritionally adequate, attractive and moderately priced meals, to help children grow socially and emotionally, to extend educational influence to homes of school children, and to provide learning experiences that will improve the children's food habits with the ultimate goal of physically fit adults.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS

Vocational Education – Basic Grants to States – This program was designed to make the United States more competitive in the world economy by developing more fully the academic and occupational skills of all segments of the population, principally through concentrating resources on improving educational programs leading to academic and occupational skills needed to work in a technologically advanced society.

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds**

K-3 Reading Initiative – The goal of this program is to improve the reading and math skills of Louisiana public school students in kindergarten through third grade.

Learn – This program provides grants to state educational agencies (SEAs) on a formula basis to support the development and implementation of comprehensive reform plans at the state, local, and school levels to improve the teaching and learning of all children. It supports top down and bottom up reform through subgrants by SEAs of 90 percent of these grant funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) and through LEAs to individual schools. It supports the establishment by states and individual localities of high standards in their core content areas. All aspects of the educational process are aligned, including, but not limited to assessments; curriculum, professional development, and pre-service training.

Miscellaneous state/federal grants – These include various small federal and state grants.

RECRUITMENT This program is to provide inducement payments to certified teachers to work in the states' local school systems which are both among the poorest school systems and among the lowest achieving school systems.

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

	TITLE II	TITLE IV	TITLE V	IDEA
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 37,949	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,840
Receivables	19,223	3,107	42,983	91,640
Interfund receivable	0	0	0	0
Inventory	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>57,172</u>	<u>3,107</u>	<u>42,983</u>	<u>104,480</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts, salaries and other payables	17,366	1,325	8,068	14,071
Interfund payable	39,806	1,782	34,915	90,409
Deferred revenue	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	<u>57,172</u>	<u>3,107</u>	<u>42,983</u>	<u>104,480</u>
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for:				
Inventory	0	0	0	0
Unreserved and undesignated	0	0	0	0
Total Fund Balances	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 57,172</u>	<u>\$ 3,107</u>	<u>\$ 42,983</u>	<u>\$ 104,480</u>

Exhibit 4

PRESCHOOL	SUMMER FEEDING	RURAL EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	JAG
\$ 2,333	\$ 10,080	\$ 0	\$ 18,750	\$ 0
1,793	7,325	20,048	12,919	24,549
0	5,401	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
4,126	22,806	20,048	31,669	24,549
2,534	0	0	3,524	7,508
1,592	5,401	20,048	28,145	17,041
0	0	0	0	0
4,126	5,401	20,048	31,669	24,549
0	0	0	0	0
0	17,405	0	0	0
0	17,405	0	0	0
\$ 4,126	\$ 22,806	\$ 20,048	\$ 31,669	\$ 24,549

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NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Combining Balance Sheet

June 30, 2008

	LA 4 STATE	8 (g)	EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE	CHILD NUTRITION
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 0	\$ 2,148	\$ 152,460	\$ 86,204
Receivables	97,016	26,310	0	0
Interfund receivable	0	0	0	0
Inventory	0	0	0	3,963
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>97,016</u>	<u>28,458</u>	<u>152,460</u>	<u>90,167</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts, salaries and other payables	355	12,311	11,416	69,470
Interfund payable	96,661	16,147	17,609	13,906
Deferred revenue	0	0	0	465
Total Liabilities	<u>97,016</u>	<u>28,458</u>	<u>29,025</u>	<u>83,841</u>
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for:				
Inventory	0	0	0	3,498
Unreserved and undesignated	0	0	123,435	2,828
Total Fund Balances	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>123,435</u>	<u>6,326</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 97,016</u>	<u>\$ 28,458</u>	<u>\$ 152,460</u>	<u>\$ 90,167</u>

Exhibit 4

OTHER		
MISCELLANEOUS	RECRUITMENT	TOTAL
\$ 64,927	\$ 0	\$ 387,691
122,270	97,342	566,525
0	0	5,401
0	0	3,963
<u>187,197</u>	<u>97,342</u>	<u>963,580</u>

17,491	0	165,439
167,903	97,342	648,707
0	0	465
<u>185,394</u>	<u>97,342</u>	<u>814,611</u>

0	0	3,498
<u>1,803</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>145,471</u>
<u>1,803</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>148,969</u>

\$ 187,197	\$ 97,342	\$ 963,580
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EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

**NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	<u>TITLE II</u>	<u>TITLE IV</u>	<u>TITLE V</u>	<u>IDEA</u>
REVENUES				
Local sources:				
Interest earnings	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
Food services	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
State sources:				
Equalization	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	6,732
Federal sources	<u>98,345</u>	<u>10,528</u>	<u>85,419</u>	<u>382,567</u>
Total revenues	<u>98,345</u>	<u>10,528</u>	<u>85,419</u>	<u>389,299</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	0	0	0	0
Special programs	0	0	0	281,950
Other instructional programs	64,353	0	78,201	0
Support services:				
Student services	0	1,668	0	1,289
Instructional staff support	28,088	1,582	745	45,382
General administration	5,904	204	5,987	27,473
School administration	0	0	0	0
Business services	0	0	486	0
Plant services	0	7,074	0	5,013
Student transportation services	0	0	0	28,145
Food services	0	0	0	47
Capital outlay	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total expenditures	<u>98,345</u>	<u>10,528</u>	<u>85,419</u>	<u>389,299</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	0	0	0	0
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

Exhibit 5

PRESCHOOL	SUMMER FEEDING	RURAL EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	JAG
\$ 0	\$ 446	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
12,277	20,504	44,000	38,120	52,601
12,277	20,950	44,000	38,120	52,601
0	0	14,344	345	43,252
11,389	0	0	0	0
0	0	13,085	36,900	7,438
0	0	13,898	0	0
0	0	0	0	1,406
888	0	2,673	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	1,500	0	0	0
0	2,544	0	875	505
0	8,113	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
12,277	12,157	44,000	38,120	52,601
0	8,793	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	8,793	0	0	0
0	8,612	0	0	0
\$ 0	\$ 17,405	\$ 0	\$ 0	0

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EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

**NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	<u>LA 4 STATE</u>	<u>8 (g)</u>	<u>EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE</u>	<u>CHILD NUTRITION</u>
REVENUES				
Local sources:				
Interest earnings	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	183
Food services	0	0	0	31,471
Other	0	0	53,154	785
State sources:				
Equalization	0	0	0	311,420
Other	97,016	130,264	109,698	0
Federal sources	0	0	0	727,850
Total revenues	<u>97,016</u>	<u>130,264</u>	<u>162,852</u>	<u>1,071,709</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	73,599	40,816	73,497	0
Special programs	0	0	0	0
Other instructional programs	23,245	83,012	0	0
Support services:				
Student services	0	6,108	38,756	0
Instructional staff support	0	0	0	0
General administration	0	0	0	0
School administration	0	0	0	0
Business services	0	0	0	0
Plant services	0	0	0	0
Student transportation services	172	328	0	0
Food services	0	0	0	1,068,881
Capital outlay	0	0	3,864	0
Total expenditures	<u>97,016</u>	<u>130,264</u>	<u>116,117</u>	<u>1,068,881</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>46,735</u>	<u>2,828</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	0	0	0	252,061
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>252,061</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	0	0	46,735	254,889
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>76,700</u>	<u>(248,563)</u>
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>123,435</u>	<u>\$ 6,326</u>

Exhibit 5

OTHER			
MISCELLANEOUS	RECRUITMENT	TOTAL	
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 629	
0	0	31,471	
0	0	53,939	
0	0	311,420	
223,238	200,000	766,948	
15,607	0	1,487,818	
238,845	200,000	2,652,225	
131,658	200,000	577,511	
0	0	293,339	
22,332	0	328,566	
72,940	0	134,659	
0	0	77,203	
467	0	43,596	
300	0	300	
0	0	486	
585	0	14,172	
4,192	0	36,761	
0	0	1,077,041	
5,070	0	8,934	
237,544	200,000	2,592,568	
1,301	0	59,657	
0	0	252,061	
0	0	252,061	
1,301	0	311,718	
502	0	(162,749)	
\$ 1,803	\$ 0	\$ 148,969	

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**East Carroll Parish School Board
Non-Major Capital Project Funds**

CAPITAL PROJECT AND CAPITAL PROJECT LDB The Capital Project and Capital Project LDB funds account for funds used to rebuild Lake Providence High School after a fire.

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Combining Balance Sheet

June 30, 2008

Exhibit 6

	CAPITAL PROJECT	CAPITAL PROJECT LDB	TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 52,422	\$ 7,407	\$ 59,829
Receivables	0	201,249	201,249
TOTAL ASSETS	52,422	208,656	261,078
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Interfund payable	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	0	0	0
Fund Balances			
Unreserved and undesignated	52,422	208,656	261,078
Total Fund Balances	52,422	208,656	261,078
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 52,422	\$ 208,656	\$ 261,078

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes In Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Exhibit 7

	CAPITAL PROJECT	CAPITAL PROJECT LDB	TOTAL
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Interest earnings	\$ 1,626	\$ 2,587	\$ 4,213
Total revenues	<u>1,626</u>	<u>2,587</u>	<u>4,213</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular instruction	0	26,550	26,550
Capital outlay	<u>0</u>	<u>984,077</u>	<u>984,077</u>
Total expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>1,010,627</u>	<u>1,010,627</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>1,626</u>	<u>(1,008,040)</u>	<u>(1,006,414)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Insurance proceeds	<u>0</u>	<u>1,187,057</u>	<u>1,187,057</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0</u>	<u>1,187,057</u>	<u>1,187,057</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,626	179,017	180,643
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>50,796</u>	<u>29,639</u>	<u>80,435</u>
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 52,422</u>	<u>\$ 208,666</u>	<u>\$ 261,078</u>

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Agency Funds**

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FUND The activities of the various individual school accounts are accounted for in the school activities agency fund. Although the accounts are under the supervision of the School Board, they belong to the individual schools or their student bodies and are not available for use by the School Board.

RETIREMENT INSURANCE FUND The monthly receipt and payment of funds for the retirees' insurance benefits are accounted for in the retiree insurance fund. Although the account is under the supervision of the School Board, it belongs to the retirees and is not available for use by the School Board.

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

AGENCY FUNDS
Combining Schedule of Assets and Liabilities
June 30, 2008

Exhibit 8

	SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FUND	RETIREMENT INSURANCE FUND	TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 145,868	\$ 47,715	\$ 193,583
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>145,868</u>	<u>47,715</u>	<u>193,583</u>
LIABILITIES			
Deposits due others	<u>145,868</u>	<u>47,715</u>	<u>193,583</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 145,868</u>	<u>\$ 47,715</u>	<u>\$ 193,583</u>

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

AGENCY FUNDS Statement of Changes In Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Exhibit 9

	<u>Balance, Beginning</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance, Ending</u>
*****SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FUND*****				
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 139,630	\$ 169,235	\$ 162,997	\$ 145,868
	<u>139,630</u>	<u>169,235</u>	<u>162,997</u>	<u>145,868</u>
LIABILITIES				
Deposits due others	<u>139,630</u>	<u>169,235</u>	<u>162,997</u>	<u>145,868</u>
	<u>139,630</u>	<u>169,235</u>	<u>162,997</u>	<u>145,868</u>
*****RETIREMENT INSURANCE FUND*****				
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>75,366</u>	<u>156,340</u>	<u>183,991</u>	<u>47,715</u>
	<u>75,366</u>	<u>156,340</u>	<u>183,991</u>	<u>47,715</u>
LIABILITIES				
Deposits due others	<u>75,366</u>	<u>156,340</u>	<u>183,991</u>	<u>47,715</u>
	<u>75,366</u>	<u>156,340</u>	<u>183,991</u>	<u>47,715</u>
*****TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS*****				
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>214,996</u>	<u>325,575</u>	<u>346,988</u>	<u>193,583</u>
	<u>214,996</u>	<u>325,575</u>	<u>346,988</u>	<u>193,583</u>
LIABILITIES				
Deposits due others	<u>214,996</u>	<u>325,575</u>	<u>346,988</u>	<u>193,583</u>
	<u>\$ 214,996</u>	<u>\$ 325,575</u>	<u>\$ 346,988</u>	<u>\$ 193,583</u>

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AGENCY FUND
Schedule of Changes in Deposits Due Others
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Exhibit 10

SCHOOL	Balance, <u>Beginning</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance, <u>Ending</u>
Lake Providence Junior High	\$ 76,049	\$ 32,997	\$ 25,918	\$ 83,128
Lake Providence Senior High	6,640	55,053	59,241	2,452
Monticello High	20,447	27,951	32,224	16,174
Northside Elementary	6,376	16,546	14,389	8,533
Southside Elementary	<u>30,118</u>	<u>36,688</u>	<u>31,225</u>	<u>35,581</u>
Total	<u>\$ 139,630</u>	<u>\$ 169,235</u>	<u>\$ 162,997</u>	<u>\$ 145,868</u>

East Carroll Parish School Board

Exhibit 11

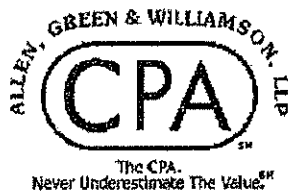
**Schedule of Compensation Paid Board Members
For The Year Ended June 30, 2008**

The schedule of compensation paid School Board members is in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Compensation of the School Board members is included in the general administrative expenditures of the general fund. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 17:56, the School Board members have elected the monthly payment method of compensation. Under this method, each member of the School Board receives \$650 per month and the president receives \$50 per month for performing the duties of his/her office. Members received an additional \$50 for an extra meeting that was held during the year.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Actual Salary</u>
Glenn Dixon, President	\$ 8,500
Gene Edmondson, Vice President	7,900
Ralph Coleman	7,900
Harriet Bridges	7,900
Evangelia Fields	7,900
Fannie Hawkins	7,900
Tommy McKeel	7,900
Georgean Jackson	7,900
Roger Shoemaker	<u>7,800</u>
Total	<u>\$71,600</u>

East Carroll Parish School Board

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

Board Members
East Carroll Parish School Board
Lake Providence, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Carroll Parish School Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the School Board's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 31, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School Board's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School Board's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School Board's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Cost as 08-F1, 08-F2, 08-F3, 08-F4, 08-F5, and 08-F6 to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe that none of the significant deficiencies described above is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School Board's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

We noted certain matters that we reported to Management of East Carroll Parish School Board in a separate letter dated December 31, 2008.

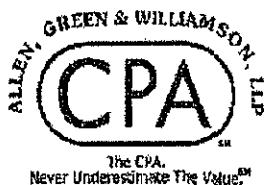
The School Board's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying corrective action plan for current year findings and questioned costs. We did not audit the School Board's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board, management, others within the entity, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Although the intended use of these reports may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 this report is distributed by the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance With OMB Circular A-133

Board Members
East Carroll Parish School Board
Lake Providence, Louisiana

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the East Carroll Parish School Board with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008. The School Board's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the School Board's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the School Board's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School Board's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the School Board's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the School Board complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the School Board is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School Board's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School Board's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board, management, others within the entity, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Although the intended use of these reports may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 this report is distributed by the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Monroe, Louisiana
December 31, 2008

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

Exhibit 12

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM NAME	CFDA Number	Pass Through Grantor No.	Expenditures
CASH FEDERAL AWARDS			
United States Department of Agriculture			
Passed Through Louisiana Department of Education:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	NONE	\$ 477,515
School Breakfast Program	10.553	NONE	210,306
Summer Feeding Program for Children	10.559	NONE	<u>20,504</u>
Total United States Department of Agriculture (Total Child Nutrition Cluster)			708,325
United States Department of Education			
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			
Basic Grant Program	84.010	28-08-T1-18, 28-07-TA-18	1,579,836
Special Education Cluster:			
Grants to States (Part B)	84.027	28-08-B1-18	328,875
Preschool Grants	84.173	28-08-P1-18	<u>12,277</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			341,152
State Personnel Development	84.323	28-08-PD-18	53,692
Vocational Education: Basic Grants to States	84.048A	28-08-02-18	38,120
Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools)	84.186	28-08-70-08	10,528
Title II (Improving Teacher Quality State Grants)	84.367	28-08-50-18	98,345
Technology Literacy Challenge(EETT)	84.318X	26-08-49-18	10,333
Title V	84.298	28-08-80-18	85,419
Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)	84.358B	28-08-RE-18	44,000
Reading First State Grants	84.357A	28-08-RF-18, 28-08-RS-18	439,629
Tech Prep Education	84.243	N/A	<u>5,274</u>
Total United States Department of Education			2,706,328
Department of Health and Human Services			
Passed Through the Louisiana Department of Education			
Jobs for American Graduates - TANF	93.558B	28-08-JA-18	<u>52,601</u>
TOTAL CASH FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>3,446,750</u>

NONCASH FEDERAL AWARDS

United States Department of Agriculture and Forestry:			
Passed Through Louisiana Department of Agriculture a			
Food Distribution Program (Commodities)	10.550	NONE	40,029
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$3,507,283</u>

East Carroll Parish School Board
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

NOTE 1 - GENERAL The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all federal awards programs of the East Carroll Parish School Board. The East Carroll Parish School Board's (the "School Board") reporting entity is defined in note 1 to the School Board's basic financial statements. Federal awards received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards passed through other government agencies, are included on the schedule.

NOTE 2 - BASIS OF ACCOUNTING The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is described in note 1 to the School Board's basic financial statements.

NOTE 3 - RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Federal awards are reported in the School Board's basic financial statements as follows:

	<u>Federal Sources</u>
Title I	\$ 1,579,836
Reading First	439,629
Other governmental	
Title II	98,345
Title IV	10,528
Title V	85,419
IDEA	382,567
Preschool	12,277
Summer Feeding	20,504
Rural Education Achievement	44,000
Vocational Education	38,120
JAG	52,601
Child Nutrition	727,850
Other Miscellaneous	<u>15,607</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,507,283</u>

NOTE 4 - RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTS Amounts reported in the accompanying schedule agree with the amounts reported in the related federal financial reports except for changes made to reflect amounts in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 5 - MATCHING REVENUES For those funds that have matching revenues and state funding, federal expenditures were determined by deducting matching revenues from total expenditures.

NOTE 6 - NONCASH PROGRAMS The commodities received, which are noncash revenues, are valued using prices provided by the United States Department of Agriculture.

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

PART I - Summary of the auditors' results

Financial statement audit

- i. The type of audit report issued was unqualified.
- ii. There were six significant deficiencies required to be disclosed by Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The significant deficiencies disclosed were not considered to be material weaknesses as defined by the Government Auditing Standards.

- iii. There were no instances of noncompliance considered material, as defined by the Government Auditing Standards, to the financial statement.

Audit of federal awards

- iv. There were no significant deficiencies required to be disclosed by OMB Circular A-133.
- v. The type of report the auditor issued on compliance for major programs was unqualified.
- vi. The audit disclosed no audit findings which the auditor is required to report under OMB Circular A-133, Section .510(a).
- vii. The major federal programs are:

Special Education Cluster:

CFDA #84.027	Grants to States – Part B
CFDA #84.173	Preschool Grants

Child Nutrition Cluster:

CFDA #10.555	National School Lunch Program
CFDA #10.553	School Breakfast Program
CFDA #10.559	Summer Feeding Program from Children

- viii. The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs as described in OMB Circular A-133, Section .520(b) was \$300,000.
- ix. The auditee does qualify as a low-risk auditee under OMB Circular A-133, Section .530.

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

PART II - Findings related to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards generally accepted in the United States of America:

Reference # and title: 08-F1 Internal Controls

Criteria or specific requirement: Good internal controls require that there is a segregation of duties between authorization of transactions, recording of transactions and custody of the related assets. In addition, steps to ensure the controls are working properly should be performed on a regular, and timely basis. Also, policies which are in place to safeguard assets, etc., need to be written policies approved by the Board.

Condition found: A test of six bank reconciliations revealed that three of the six reconciliations were not performed in a timely manner. It was noted that all of the functions within the payroll department could be performed by a single person. Also, the wire transfers for payroll direct deposits were uploaded and sent without a review and approval by a second party. Finally, there is only a verbal policy related to the use of the School Board credit and charge cards.

Possible asserted effect (cause and effect):

Cause: The cause for the cited activities is unknown.

Effect: Internal controls have been weakened.

Recommendations to prevent future occurrences: The School Board should formulate a plan to segregate the duties over the payroll activities and require another person to review all wire transfers. In addition, there should be a monthly review of bank reconciliations to ensure that they are being prepared in a timely manner. Finally, there should be a board-approved written policy for all credit and charge card use.

Reference # and title: 08-F2 Vendor Disbursements

Criteria or specific requirement: Good internal controls over vendor disbursements require that the proper signatures are on checks, purchase orders are included when required, invoices are properly approved for payment, guidelines for reimbursement are followed, proper documentation is attached, and appropriate credits are taken when applicable.

Condition found: A total of 60 vendor disbursements were chosen for testing. The following discrepancies were noted:

- One check was missing the signature of the Superintendent.
- Six transactions did not have purchase orders.
- Five payments did not have proper approvals.
- One payment for travel was reimbursed at \$15.17 when the maximum allowed per the policy was \$14.00; one payment for travel mileage was not approved and a lunch meal was paid at \$12.00 when the approved limit is \$10.00.
- Four transactions were missing some invoices.
- Three transactions either did not take a credit or paid sales taxes.
- Seven payments were paid late.

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

PART II - Findings related to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards generally accepted in the United States of America:

Possible asserted effect (cause and effect):

Cause: The cause is unknown.

Effect: Internal controls over vendor payments are weakened.

Recommendations to prevent future occurrences: Steps should be taken to ensure that the required documentations accompany the requests for taken. Calculations should be performed to check the accuracy of the payment and all credits should be taken.

Reference # and title: **08-F3** **Capital Assets**

Criteria or specific requirement: Good internal controls over capital assets require a systematic method of accounting for all additions to the capital asset listing, a method for determining deletions are removed from the capital asset listing, and a process for determining the amounts to be added to the capital asset listing.

Condition found: During our inspections of capital assets we noted a fence and surveillance equipment which had not been added to the capital asset listing. The total cost of these two items was \$152,806. A public address system had a tag number, but could not be traced to the listing. A purchase order was issued for the purchase of two mowers. The purchase order was voided to split out the mowers onto two separate invoices. A new purchase order was issued for one of the mowers but not for the other. In addition, a discount was given on one of the mowers but the item was entered into the capital asset listing at the original list price and not at the actual price paid which included the discount. Computer equipment at a cost of \$27,823 was listed as construction in progress instead of equipment. Finally, equipment destroyed in a fire was removed from the capital asset listing but there was no deletion approval form for the removal of these assets.

Possible asserted effect (cause and effect):

Cause: The cause is unknown.

Effect: Internal controls over capital assets are weakened.

Recommendations to prevent future occurrences: A system should be developed to ensure that all capital assets over the threshold are included in the capital asset listing and that deletions are properly approved. Employees in all departments should be made aware of the procedures for reporting capital asset additions. Also, the guidelines for adding items at the correct cost should be reviewed for accurate information.

Reference # and title: **08-F4** **Stale Checks**

Criteria or specific requirement: For good internal controls over cash and reporting, a system should be in place to research any outstanding checks which have not been negotiated during a reasonable period of time. Also, any outstanding checks which have not been negotiated must be remitted to the Louisiana Unclaimed Property.

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

PART II - Findings related to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards generally accepted in the United States of America:

Condition found: During the testing of payroll and vendor bank accounts, it was determined that \$38,140 in payroll checks and \$210,568 had been outstanding for up to a year.

Possible asserted effect (cause and effect):

Cause: It appears that long-term outstanding payments are not being researched.

Effect: Internal controls over cash and reporting are weakened.

Recommendations to prevent future occurrences: Outstanding items should be researched and either voided in the system or remitted to Unclaimed Property.

Reference # and title: **08-F5** **Theft of Student Funds**

Criteria or specific requirement: Good internal controls over collection of student funds require that each student receive a receipt for money paid for sales, activities, etc. These funds should immediately be turned into the main office for deposit into the school accounts. The person giving the funds to the main office should also obtain a receipt for funds presented. All activities should be authorized by the school principal and the main office should be aware of all activities planned.

Condition found: During the year funds were collected by a teacher for a trip to be taken related to 4H activities. The funds were never turned over to the main office and the main office was unaware of the trip. When the time came to present the funds to the 4H offices, the teacher was unavailable to pay the funds he had collected. The School Board had to pay the funds so that the students could go on the trip and a local church reimbursed the School Board for the funds taken.

Possible asserted effect (cause and effect):

Cause: The cause appears to be that the school was unaware of the activity and the collection of funds.

Effect: Internal controls over cash collections have been weakened.

Recommendations to prevent future occurrences: Steps should be taken to ensure that all activities are approved by the proper authority and that the main office is aware of all activities for which funds are collected.

Reference # and title: **08-F6** **Information System Control for Child Nutrition**

Criteria or specific requirement: The School Board should have a written policy governing the information system. The School Board should have a written back up contingency and recovery plan. The disaster recovery process should be tested at least annually.

Condition found: The server for the Child Nutrition program crashed in May 2008 destroying all information except

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

PART II - Findings related to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards generally accepted in the United States of America:

Cafeteria Management.

Possible asserted effect (cause and effect):

Cause: The Child Nutrition system was being backed up by an outside provider, but it was not working properly. When the server crashed there was no way to retrieve the information. No other backup was being maintained.

Effect: Vital information was completely lost.

Recommendations to prevent future occurrences: The School Board should have a written policy governing the information system. Required documentation necessary for supporting documentation should be printed out and saved as back-up and a back-up of the computer system should be maintained at all times. The disaster recovery process should be tested at least annually.

East Carroll Parish School Board

OTHER INFORMATION

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
June 30, 2008**

Reference # and title: **07-F1** **70% Instructional Expenditures**

Date Originated: June 30, 2003

Condition found: Per Louisiana Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 142 of the 1993 Regular Session, school boards are required to spend at least 70% of the general fund's total expenditures for instruction and support. The School Board spent 63% of the general fund in instruction and support.

Corrective action taken: 70% of the general fund's total expenditures were expended for instruction. This is evident through AFR submitted as of June 30, 2008.

Reference # and title: **07-F2** **Controls Over Cash**

Date Originated: June 30, 2006

Condition found: All bank statements should be reconciled monthly in a timely manner with any reconciling differences between the bank statement and the general ledger researched. Several bank accounts for several months were not reconciled in a timely manner.

Corrective action planned: See Finding 08-F1.

Reference # and title: **07-F3** **Bid Requirement Not Met**

Date Originated: June 30, 2007

Condition found: Per Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2212.1 all purchases of materials and supplies exceeding the sum of \$20,000 to be paid out of public funds shall be bid out and advertised and let by contract to the lowest bidder. Advertisements should be published two times at least fifteen days prior to the bid award. The School Board did not bid out for the purchase of software for Child Nutrition.

Corrective action taken: Bid law has been met as of June 30, 2008.

Reference # and title: **07-F4** **Donations, Loans or Pledges**

Date Originated: June 30, 2007

Condition found: The Louisiana Constitution, Article 7, Section 14, states that the funds, credit, property or things of value of the state or of any political subdivision shall not be loaned, pledged or donated to or for any person, association or corporation, public or private. Review of the minutes revealed numerous approvals during the year for the use of School Board buildings or buses for non-school related activities.

Corrective action taken: Loaning of school buses is no longer a practice of the Board.

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
June 30, 2008**

Reference # and title: **07-F5** **Budgeting A Deficit Fund Balance**

Date Originated: June 30, 2007

Condition found: Louisiana Revised Statute 17:88 states that for budgeting purposes a detailed listing of expenses should be prepared "the total of which shall not exceed the expected means of financing composed of the beginning fund balance, cash balances and revenues/receipts." The child nutrition program continues to carry a deficit fund balance and each year's expenses for the past few years have exceeded the revenues.

Corrective action taken: Funds were transferred to eliminate CNP fund balance deficit.

East Carroll Parish School Board
Corrective Action Plan for Current-Year Findings and Questioned Costs
June 30, 2008

Reference # and title: **08-F1** **Internal Controls**

Condition found: Good internal controls require that there is a segregation of duties between authorization of transactions, recording of transactions and custody of the related assets. In addition, steps to ensure the controls are working properly should be performed on a regular, and timely basis. Also, policies which are in place to safeguard assets, etc., need to be written policies approved by the Board.

A test of six bank reconciliations revealed that three of the six reconciliations were not performed in a timely manner. It was noted that all of the functions within the payroll department could be performed by a single person. Also, the wire transfers for payroll direct deposits were uploaded and sent without a review and approval by a second party. Finally, there is only a verbal policy related to the use of the School Board credit and charge cards.

Corrective action planned: Functions in payroll will be designated to other employees so as not to have one person responsible for all aspects of payroll. Reconciling of bank statements will be monitored by the Business Manager.

Person responsible for corrective action:

Dr. Volelia Millikin, Superintendent	Telephone: (318) 559-2222
East Carroll Parish School Board	Fax: (318) 559-3864
P. O. Box 792	
Lake Providence, LA 71254-0792	

Anticipated completion date: June 30, 2009.

Reference # and title: **08-F2** **Vendor Disbursements**

Condition found: Good internal controls over vendor disbursements require that the proper signatures are on checks, purchase orders are included when required, invoices are properly approved for payment, guidelines for reimbursement are followed, proper documentation is attached, and appropriate credits are taken when applicable.

A total of 60 vendor disbursements were chosen for testing. The following discrepancies were noted:

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Corrective action planned: Closer monitoring of vendor disbursements will continue by the Superintendent and/or the Business Manager.

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Corrective Action Plan for Current-Year Findings and Questioned Costs
June 30, 2008**

Person responsible for corrective action:

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Anticipated completion date: June 30, 2009.

Reference # and title: **08-F3** **Capital Assets**

Condition found: Good internal controls over capital assets require a systematic method of accounting for all additions to the capital asset listing, a method for determining deletions are removed from the capital asset listing, and a process for determining the amounts to be added to the capital asset listing.

During our inspections of capital assets we noted a fence and surveillance equipment which had not been added to the capital asset listing. The total cost of these two items was \$152,806. A public address system had a tag number, but could not be traced to the listing. A purchase order was issued for the purchase of two mowers. The purchase order was voided to split out the mowers onto two separate invoices. A new purchase order was issued for one of the mowers but not for the other. In addition, a discount was given on one of the mowers but the item was entered into the capital asset listing at the original list price and not at the actual price paid which included the discount. Computer equipment at a cost of \$27,823 was listed as construction in progress instead of equipment. Finally, equipment destroyed in a fire was removed from the capital asset listing but there was no deletion approval form for the removal of these assets.

Corrective action planned: The Superintendent and/or Supervisor will make sure the Asset Manager is following procedures for acquiring assets. They will also review and monitor deletion of assets making sure the Asset Manager is using the proper forms.

Person responsible for corrective action:

Dr. Volelia Millikin, Superintendent Telephone: (318) 559-2222
East Carroll Parish School Board Fax: (318) 559-3864
P. O. Box 792
Lake Providence, LA 71254-0792

Anticipated completion date: June 30, 2009.

Reference # and title: **08-F4** **Stale Checks**

Condition found: For good internal controls over cash and reporting, a system should be in place to research any outstanding checks which have not been negotiated during a reasonable period of time. Also, any outstanding checks which have not been negotiated must be remitted to the Louisiana Unclaimed Property.

During the testing of payroll and vendor bank accounts, it was determined that \$38,140 in payroll checks and \$210,568 had been outstanding for up to a year.

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Corrective action planned: Outstanding checks will be researched and properly "disposed of" by the Business Department.

Person responsible for corrective action:

Dr. Vleria Millikin, Superintendent Telephone: (318) 559-2222
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Anticipated completion date: June 30, 2009.

Reference # and title: **08-F5** **Theft of Student Funds**

Condition found: Internal controls over collection of student funds require that each student receive a receipt for money paid for sales, activities, etc. These funds should immediately be turned into the main office for deposit into the school accounts. The person giving the funds to the main office should also obtain a receipt for funds presented. All activities should be authorized by the school principal and the main office should be aware of all activities planned.

During the year funds were collected by a teacher for a trip to be taken related to 4H activities. The funds were never turned over to the main office and the main office was unaware of the trip. When the time came to present the funds to the 4H offices, the teacher was unavailable to pay the funds he had collected. The School Board had to pay the funds so that the students could go on the trip and a local church reimbursed the School Board for the funds taken.

Corrective action planned: Teachers will no longer collect funds for activities outside the realm of the school. Procedures for collection of funds for school sponsored activities are already in place and personnel have been in-serviced.

Person responsible for corrective action:

Dr. Vleria Millikin, Superintendent Telephone: (318) 559-2222
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Lake Providence, LA 71254-0792

Anticipated completion date: June 30, 2009.

Reference # and title: **08-F6** **Information System Control for Child Nutrition**

Condition found: The School Board should have a written policy governing the information system. The School Board should have a written back up contingency and recovery plan. The disaster recovery process should be tested at least annually.

The server for the Child Nutrition program crashed in May 2008 destroying all information except Cafeteria Management.

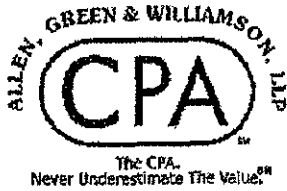
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Corrective action planned: Corrective action has been completed. A separate backup path was created by the district IT Coordinator, to send data to an outside source for storage. Sufficient parameters have been set-up by the software company to ensure proper storage of data. Also, a flash-drive (USB) is used for daily and weekly back-up.

Person responsible for corrective action:

Megan Brown, CNP Supervisor	Telephone: (318) 559-2222
East Carroll Parish School Board	Fax: (318) 559-3864
P. O. Box 792	
Lake Providence, LA 71254-0792	

Anticipated completion date: Completed June 30, 2008.



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Management Letter

Board Members
East Carroll Parish School Board
Lake Providence, Louisiana

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Carroll Parish School Board for the year ended June 30, 2008, we considered the School Board's internal control to plan our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

However, during our audit, we noted certain matters involving the internal control and other operational matters that are presented for your consideration. This letter does not affect our report dated December 31, 2008, on the financial statements of the School Board. We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. Our comments and recommendations, all of which have been discussed with appropriate members of management, are intended to improve the internal control or result in other operating efficiencies. We will be pleased to discuss these comments in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations. Our comments and management's responses are summarized as follows:

08-M1 **School Activity Funds**

Comment: We audited one of the schools and reviewed reports issued by a CPA for information related to two other schools. At one school, teachers are not using cash receipt logs to properly document receipts and deposits for fund raisers, the forms for concessions sales are not being properly used, and concession inventories are not being completed properly. At another school, cash receipt logs are not being initialed by the principal or other responsible person for concession collections, teachers are not using cash receipt logs to properly document receipts and deposits for fundraisers, and concession inventories and sales reports are not being completed timely and accurately. At the third school, tickets are not being used for events with admission fees, there were three checks which were outstanding for a year or more, there was no documentation for a fundraiser and a deposit for concessions totaled \$10 more than the receipts. Also, tax was paid on one of the 10 invoices tested.

Recommendations: Those personnel in charge of collecting funds in any capacity should be reminded of their responsibilities and provide a copy of the student activity handbook or training should be provided.

Managements Response: In-services are held three times per school year to discuss and review policies and procedures for school accounting. These in-services will continue to be held to make sure all personnel are properly informed, trained, and equipped to perform all aspects of school accounting properly.

08-M2 **Donations**

Comment: Review of the minutes revealed that donations were made to the 4H program and a back to school health fair. It was determined that the school board received benefit from both of these activities.

Recommendations: Whenever it has been approved to provide funding to an outside agency, a cooperative endeavor agreement should be created to determine the cash, goods or services to be provided by all interested parties.

Managements Response: Whenever donations are made and the School Board receives benefit from said donation, the Superintendent, through the vote of the Board, will engage a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

08-M3 **Bid Laws**

Comment: The bid for janitorial supplies was advertised only 12 days prior to the bid opening.

Recommendation: Steps should be taken to ensure that advertisements for bids are placed in time to meet the state guidelines for bids.

Managements Response: The Superintendent will review all advertisements concerning bids to make sure that the numbers of days published before opening bids is in accordance with the bid law.

Following this letter is a Status of Prior Management Letter Item. This information has not been audited by Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP, and no opinion is expressed. However, we did follow-up on the prior management letter item and performed procedures to assess the reasonableness of the Status of Prior Management Letter Item prepared by the auditee, and we would report, as a current-year management letter item when Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP, concludes that the Status of Prior Management Letter Item materially misrepresents the status of any prior management letter item.

Our audit procedures are designed primarily to enable us to form an opinion on the financial statements and, therefore, may not reveal all weaknesses in policies and procedures that may exist.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board, management, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Although the intended use of this letter may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Monroe, Louisiana
December 31, 2008

**East Carroll Parish School Board
Status of Prior Year Management Letter Item
June 30, 2008**

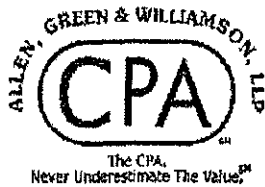
07-M1 Internal Control over Vendor Expenses

Comment: Effective internal control should include vendor expenses having original documentation (invoices, etc.), purchase order when required by policy, proper approval, supported by evidence of goods or services, and should be paid timely. The following was noted from a test of 32 vendor disbursements:

- Three exceptions were noted in which the invoice was not paid timely
- Two instances in which no purchase order was used
- One instance in which the check was not supported by proper documentation
- One instance in which the check was posted to an incorrect check number on the general ledger
- One instance in which the check amount did not agree to the invoice amount

Recommendations: Procedures for disbursing funds should be followed for all disbursements.

Managements Response: See current year finding 08-F2.



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board Members
East Carroll Parish School Board
Lake Providence, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the East Carroll Parish School Board, Lake Providence, Louisiana, and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist users in evaluating management's assertions about the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of the School Board and to determine whether the specified schedules are free of obvious errors and omissions as provided by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the reports. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our procedures and findings relate to the accompanying schedules of supplemental information and are as follows:

General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources (Schedule 1)

1. We selected a random sample of 25 transactions and reviewed supporting documentation to determine if the sampled expenditures/revenues are classified correctly and are reported in the proper amounts for each of the following amounts reported on the schedule:
 - Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures,
 - Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures,
 - Total Local Taxation Revenue,
 - Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property,
 - Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes,
 - Nonpublic Textbook Revenue, and
 - Nonpublic Transportation Revenue.

Comment: One instance was noted where the transaction tested was improperly classified according to the Louisiana Accounting and Uniform Governmental Handbook.

Management's Response: Care will be taken by the Business Manager to make sure all general ledger postings are made according to the LAUGH guide.

Education Levels of Public School Staff (Schedule 2)

2. We reconciled the total number of full-time classroom teachers per the schedule "Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers" (Schedule 4) to the combined total number of full-time classroom teachers per this schedule and to school board supporting payroll records as of October 1.

Comment: No exceptions were found as a result of applying agreed upon procedures.

3. We reconciled the combined total of principals and assistant principals per the schedule "Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers" (Schedule 4) to the combined total of principals and assistant principals per this schedule.

Comment: No exceptions were found as a result of applying agreed upon procedures.

4. We obtained a list of full-time teachers, principals, and assistant principals by classification as of October 1 and as reported on the schedule. We traced a random sample of 25 teachers to the individual's personnel file and determine if the individual's education level was properly classified on the schedule.

Comment: Four instances were found where the educational level as reported on this schedule could not be verified to the personnel file.

Management's Response: Personnel files will be updated with proper documentation concerning educational level through Curriculum/Certification Supervisor.

Number and Type of Public Schools (Schedule 3)

5. We obtained a list of schools by type as reported on the schedule. We compared the list to the schools and grade levels as reported on the Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (CFDA 84.010) application and/or the National School Lunch Program (CFDA 10.555)

Comment: One instance was noted where the grade span as reported on the Title I application did not reconcile to the grade span as reported on the listing due to the listing including an incorrect grade span.

Management's Response: System generated Sponsor Site Report has been updated to reflect correct grade span for school.

Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers (Schedule 4)

6. We obtained a list of full-time teachers, principals, and assistant principals by classification as of October reported on the schedule and traced the same sample used in procedure 4 to the individual's personnel file and determined if the individual's experience was properly classified on the schedule.

Comment: Fifteen instances were found where the experience level as reported on this schedule could not be verified to the personnel file.

Management's Response: Personnel files will be updated with TRSL generated years of experience reports as well as verification from other districts in the state and out of state.

Public Staff Data (Schedule 5)

7. We obtained a list of all classroom teachers including their base salary, extra compensation, and ROTC or rehired retiree status as well as full-time equivalent as reported on the schedule and traced a random sample of 25 teachers to the individual's personnel file and determined if the individual's salary, extra compensation, and full-time equivalents were properly included on the schedule.

Comment: Eight instances were found where the amount reported as base salary did not reflect the actual amount paid to the employee. Also, one employee was found to have been excluded from this schedule in error.

Management's Response: Collaboration between PEP coordinator and Payroll Clerk will continue with emphasis placed on actual salaries paid versus budgeted salaries and making sure every employee is counted. Also, the software company is being notified to make sure there is not a problem with the software program.

8. We recalculated the average salaries and full-time equivalents reported in the schedule.

Comment: No exceptions were found as a result of applying agreed upon procedures.

Class Size Characteristics (Schedule 6)

9. We obtained a list of classes by school, school type, and class size as reported on the schedule and reconciled school type classifications to Schedule 3 data, as obtained in procedure 5. We then traced a random sample of 10 classes to the October 1 roll books for those classes and determined if the class was properly classified on the schedule.

Comment: Four instances were found where the roll book did not reconcile to the headcount provided by the client as of October 1, 2007.

Management's Response: The software company is being contacted to make sure there's not a glitch in the system that caused the system to pull information according to month/year instead of month/day/year. SIS coordinator is researching.

Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) for the 21st Century (Schedule 7)

10. We obtained test scores as provided by the testing authority and reconciled scores as reported by the testing authority to scores reported in the schedule by the School Board.

Comment: No exceptions were found as a result of applying agreed upon procedures.

The Graduation Exit Exam for the 21st Century (Schedule 8)

11. We obtained test scores as provided by the testing authority and reconciled scores as reported by the testing authority to scores reported in the schedule by the School Board.

Comment: Four instances were found where the number reported on this schedule did not reconcile to the scores as reported by the testing authority.

Management's Response: Care will be taken when numbers are being recorded in columns to make sure they are entered on correct line.

The Iowa Tests (Schedule 9)

12. We obtained test scores as provided by the testing authority and reconciled scores as reported by the testing authority to scores reported in the schedule by the School Board.

Comment: No exceptions were found as a result of applying agreed upon procedures.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the East Carroll Parish School Board, the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana Legislature, and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Monroe, Louisiana
December 31, 2008

Schedule 1:

**General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures
and Certain Local Revenue Sources
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

General Fund Instructional and Equipment Expenditures**General Fund Instructional Expenditures:****Teacher and Student Interaction Activities:**

Classroom Teacher Salaries	4,327,011	
Other Instructional Staff Activities	747,214	
Employee Benefits	1,368,273	
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	371,501	
Instructional Materials and Supplies	517,338	
Instructional Equipment	18,497	
Total Teacher and Student Interaction Activities		7,349,834

Other Instructional Activities 21,862

Pupil Support Activities	493,372	
Less: Equipment for Pupil Support Activities	(24,185)	
Net Pupil Support Activities		469,187

Instructional Staff Services	328,376	
Less: Equipment for Instructional Staff Services	-	
Net Instructional Staff Services		328,376

School Administration	1,008,045	
Less: Equipment for Instructional Staff Services	-	
Net Instructional Staff Services		1,008,045

Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures 9,177,304

Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures 211,617

Certain Local Revenue Sources**Local Taxation Revenue:**

Constitutional Ad Valorem Taxes	212,173
Renewable Ad Valorem Tax	205,994
Debt Service Ad Valorem Tax	
Up to 1% of Collections by the Sheriff on Taxes Other than School Taxes	33,758
Sales and Use Taxes	1,548,241
Total Local Taxation Revenue	2,000,166

Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property:

Earnings from 16th Section Property	198,989
Earnings from Other Real Property	
Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property	198,989

State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes:

Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax	10,297
Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes	10,297
Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion	
Other Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	
Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	20,594

Nonpublic Textbook Revenue	4,979
Nonpublic Transportation Revenue	

Schedule 2

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Lake Providence, Louisiana

Education levels of Public School Staff
As of October 1, 2007

Category	Full-time Classroom Teachers				Principals & Assistant Principals			
	Certificated		Uncertificated		Certificated		Uncertificated	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than a Bachelor's Degree								
Bachelor's Degree	51.6	43.60%	5.95	5.03%				
Master's Degree	15.89	13.43%	3	2.54%				
Master's Degree + 30	32.92	27.81%			0	5.07%		
Specialist in Education	2	1.69%			1	0.85%		
Ph. D. or Ed. D.								
Total	102.41	86.52%	8.95	7.57%	7	5.91%		

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Lake Providence, Louisiana

**Number and Type of Public Schools
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

Type	Number
Elementary	2
Middle/Jr. High	1
Secondary	1
Combination	1
Total	5

Note: Schools opened or closed during the fiscal year are included in this schedule.

Schedule 4

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Lake Providence, Louisiana

Experience of Public Principals, Assistant Principals, and Full-time Classroom Teachers
As of October 1, 2007

	0-1 Yr.	2-3 Yrs.	4-10 Yrs.	11-14 Yrs.	15-19 Yrs.	20-24 Yrs.	25+ Yrs.	Total
Assistant Principals				0.09			2	2.09
Principals				0.91		1	3	4.91
Classroom Teachers	3	8	14.76	8	7	16	54.6	111.36
Total	3	8	14.76	9	7	17	59.6	118.36

Schedule 5

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Lake Providence, Louisiana

Public School Staff Data: Average Salaries
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	All Classroom Teachers	Classroom Teachers Excluding ROTC, Rehired Retirees, and Flagged Salary Reductions
Average Classroom Teachers' Salary Including Extra Compensation	\$41,383.00	\$39,524.00
Average Classroom Teachers' Salary Excluding Extra Compensation	\$40,521.00	\$39,286.00
Number of Teacher Full-time Equivalents (FTEs) used in Computation of Average Salaries	109.11294	74.83553

Note: Figures reported include all sources of funding (i.e., federal, state, and local) but exclude employee benefits. Generally, retired teachers rehired to teach receive less compensation than non-retired teachers and ROTC teachers receive more compensation because of a federal supplement. Therefore, these teachers are excluded from the computation in the last column. This schedule excludes day-to-day substitutes and temporary employees.

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Lake Providence, Louisiana

Class Size Characteristics
As of October 2, 2007

School Type	Class Size Range							
	1 - 20		21 - 26		27 - 33		34+	
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Elementary	63%	81	37%	47				
Elementary Activity Classes	56%	10	44%	8				
Middle/Jr. High	68%	85	15%	19	17%	21		
Middle/Jr. High Activity Classes	53%	9	24%	4	24%	4		
High	73%	94	23%	29	2%	2	2%	3
High Activity Classes	86%	19	14%	3				
Combination	97%	107	2%	2			1%	1
Combination Activity Classes	71%	10	14%	2	7%	1	7%	1

Note: The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has set specific limits on the maximum size of classes at various grade levels. The maximum enrollment in grades K-3 is 26 students and maximum enrollment in grades 4-12 is 33 students. These limits do not apply to activity classes such as physical education, chorus, band, and other classes without maximum enrollment standards. Therefore, these classes are included only as separate line items.

NOTE: October 1, 2007 data should be used to prepare this schedule

LEA LEADS Coordinator will need to contact Dwayne Font

dwayne.fontenot@la.gov and request copy of LEAFS version of Class Size report if required by Auditor.

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Lake Providence, Louisiana

Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) for the 21st Century
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

District Achievement Level Results	English Language Arts						Mathematics					
	2008			2007			2008			2007		
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent	
Students												
Grade 4												
Advanced	3	3		4	4		2	2	4	4		
Mastery	22	19		21	19		12	10	42	37	5	22
Basic	62	54		42	38		55	47	34	30	60	49
Approaching Basic	14	12		20	18		30	26	19	17	20	18
Unsatisfactory	13	11		23	21		18	15	15	13	25	21
Total	114			110			117		114	110		117

District Achievement Level Results	Science						Social Studies					
	2008			2007			2008			2007		
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent	
Students												
Grade 8												
Advanced				1	1							
Mastery	2	1		4	4		1	1				1
Basic	23	17		17	15		23	18	41	29	22	24
Approaching Basic	28	20		33	29		52	40	52	37	33	29
Unsatisfactory	86	62		57	51		42	33	46	33	57	51
Total	139			112			131		139	112		131

NOTE: Spring 2006, 2007, and 2008 LEAP test data should be used to prepare this schedule. Please report "All Testers".

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Lake Providence, Louisiana

The Graduation Exit Exam for the 21st Century
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

District Achievement Level Results	English Language Arts						Mathematics					
	2008		2007		2006		2008		2007		2006	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Students												
Grade 10												
Advanced												
Mastery	2	3	6	7	3	3	5	7	9	10	6	6
Basic	30	45	32	35	43	43	28	41	26	29	39	39
Approaching Basic	24	36	34	37	40	40	17	25	26	29	29	29
Unsatisfactory	11	16	20	22	14	14	18	26	29	32	25	25
Total	67		92		100		68		91		100	

District Achievement Level Results	Science						Social Studies					
	2008		2007		2006		2008		2007		2006	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Students												
Grade 11												
Advanced												
Mastery	3	4	10	12	2	3	2	2	2	2		
Basic	35	50	38	47	35	44	50	62	50	62	31	39
Approaching Basic	22	31	20	25	30	38	15	19	15	19	22	28
Unsatisfactory	10	14	13	16	13	16	14	17	14	17	26	33
Total	70		81		80		81		81		79	

NOTE: Spring 2006, 2007, and 2008 GEE test data should be used to prepare this schedule. Please report "Initial Testers" only.

EAST CARROLL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Lake Providence, Louisiana

Schedule 9

The IOWA and /LEAP
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Students	District Achievement Level Results				English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies	
					2008		2008		2008		2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Grade 3												
Advanced	1		1		2		2				1	
Mastery	16		16		11		11		10		15	
Basic	31		31		31		31		32		44	
Approaching Basic	21		21		16		16		28		16	
Unsatisfactory	31		31		40		40		30		24	
Total	100		100		100		100		100		100	

Students	District Achievement Level Results				English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies	
					2008		2008		2008		2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Grade 5												
Advanced	9		10		2		2					
Mastery	18		19		16		17		6		26	
Basic	17		18		26		28		37		23	
Approaching Basic	19		20		9		10		21		24	
Unsatisfactory	31		33		41		44		30		21	
Total	94		94		94		94		94		94	

Students	District Achievement Level Results				English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies	
					2008		2008		2008		2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Grade 6												
Advanced					1		1					
Mastery	3		3		2		2					
Basic	39		44		21		24		25		53	
Approaching Basic	26		30		26		30		40		13	
Unsatisfactory	20		23		38		43		23		22	
Total	88		88		88		88		88		88	

District Achievement Level Results									
Students	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Grade 7									
Advanced	1	1							
Mastery	10	9	2	2			2	2	
Basic	40	35	23	20	13	12	39	35	
Approaching Basic	37	33	36	32	52	46	46	39	
Unsatisfactory	25	22	52	46	48	42	33	29	
Total	113		113		113		113		

District Achievement Level Results					
Students	English Language Arts		Mathematics		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Grade 8					
Advanced					
Mastery					
Basic	23	29	23	29	
Approaching Basic	35	44	13	16	
Unsatisfactory	21	27	43	54	
Total	79		79		

District Achievement Level Results									
Students	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Grade 3									
Advanced	4	4	2	2	3	3			
Mastery	13	12	7	6	9	8	17	15	
Basic	34	30	38	34	27	24	41	36	
Approaching Basic	39	35	27	24	50	44	34	30	
Unsatisfactory	23	20	39	35	24	21	21	19	
Total	113		113		113		113		

District Achievement Level Results									
Students	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Grade 5									
Advanced	2	2	4	4					
Mastery	30	28	10	9	10	9	15	14	
Basic	25	23	42	39	53	50	48	45	
Approaching Basic	16	15	15	14	24	22	25	23	
Unsatisfactory	34	32	38	34	20	19	19	18	
Total	107		107		107		107		

District Achievement Level Results									
Students	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Grade 6									
Advanced									
Mastery	4	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Basic	43	36	23	19	28	24	26	26	22
Approaching Basic	41	35	22	19	55	47	50	50	42
Unsatisfactory	30	25	72	61	33	28	40	40	34
Total	118		118		118		118		118

District Achievement Level Results									
Students	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Grade 7									
Advanced									
Mastery	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Basic	44	37	24	21	18	16	35	35	30
Approaching Basic	33	28	36	31	55	47	43	43	36
Unsatisfactory	35	30	56	48	44	37	40	40	34
Total	118		117		118		118		118

District Achievement Level Results									
Students	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Grade 9									
Advanced									
Mastery									
Basic	32	24	35	27					
Approaching Basic	64	48	27	20					
Unsatisfactory	36	27	69	52					
Total	132		132						

District Achievement Level Results									
Students	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Grade 3									
Advanced	4	4	2	2			7	7	6
Mastery	11	10	5	5	10	9	5	5	5
Basic	42	39	42	39	31	29	40	40	37
Approaching Basic	28	26	27	25	51	47	34	34	31
Unsatisfactory	23	21	32	30	18	15	22	22	20
Total	108		108		108		108		108

District Achievement Level Results											
Students	English Language Arts 2006		Mathematics 2006		Science 2006		Social Studies 2006				
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent			
Grade 5											
Advanced	1	1					1	1			
Mastery	25	20	12	10	4	3	0	0			
Basic	36	29	46	37	50	40	55	44			
Approaching Basic	38	30	23	18	42	34	39	31			
Unsatisfactory	25	20	44	35	29	23	30	24			
Total	125		125		125		125				

District Achievement Level Results												
Students	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science		Social Studies					
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
Grade 6												
Advanced												
Mastery	7	6	2	2	1	1						
Basic	38	34	21	18	19	17	33	29				
Approaching Basic	34	30	24	21	52	45	52	45				
Unsatisfactory	35	30	68	59	43	37	30	26				
Total	115		115		115		115					

District Achievement Level Results												
Students	English Language Arts			Mathematics			Science			Social Studies		
	2006			2006			2006			2006		
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent	
Grade 7												
Advanced	2	2										
Mastery	4	3		1	1		3	2		1	1	
Basic	35	29		23	19		20	16		45	37	
Approaching Basic	41	34		31	25		48	39		38	31	
Unsatisfactory	40	33		67	55		51	42		38	31	
Total	122			122			122			122		

District Achievement Level Results						
Students	English Language Arts		Mathematics			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Grade 9						
Advanced			1	1		
Mastery	1	1	6	7		
Basic	47	52	33	36		
Approaching Basic	33	36	24	26		
Unsatisfactory	10	11	27	30		
Total	91		91			